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VOTES

OF THE HONOURABLE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF

JAMAICA,

In a Session begun the 25th of OCTOBER, *and ended the 22d of* NOVEMBER, 1791;

A Session begun the 23d of NOVEMBER, 1791, *and ended the 10th of* MARCH, 1792; *and*

A Session begun the 13th, and ended the 15th of MARCH, 1792.

Being the Third, Fourth, *and* Fifth Sessions *of the present Assembly.*



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ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

Martis, 25° Die Octobris, 1791.

THE Aſſembly being met, according to proclamation, Mr. Vanheelen and Mr. Grant waited upon his Excellency, and acquainted him therewith.

A meſſage from his Excellency, by the Provoſt-Marſhal, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"His Excellency the Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this honourable Houſe, immediately, in the Council-Chamber."

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe went up; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that, in purſuance of the directions of an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1789, entitled, "An act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this iſland, to iſſue writs for the choice of members to ſerve in the Aſſembly of the ſaid iſland, in the room of ſuch members who ſhall die during the receſs of the Aſſembly," a new writ had been iſſued for the election of member to ſerve in Aſſembly for the pariſh of Vere, in the room of Archibald Sympſon, eſquire, deceaſed.

The following rules were read, and ordered to be the ſtanding rules of the Houſe.

I. *THAT the Aſſembly be ſuppoſed not met, except the Speaker be preſent.*

II. *That every member place himself as he comes in, that there may seem no disparity: the Speaker always excepted, who must take the chair.*

III. *That seven be a quorum, to meet and adjourn, and to send for absent members.*

IV. *That such of the Assembly as shall be appointed to propose what the House hath to offer to the Governor, or to the Commander in Chief, or to the Council, shall not be excepted from going, unless such member has been of the Council, or Speaker of the Assembly.*

V. *That the Assembly always, at rising, do adjourn from time to time, as they shall see it convenient for the speedy dispatch of affairs; and that none depart the House without the Speaker's leave upon any pretence whatsoever.*

VI. *That every bill, before it pass, be read three times, with the amendments.*

VII. *That no member speak above twice to the same debate, without leave of the House, and that none presume to speak without standing up and addressing himself to Mr. Speaker.*

VIII. *That such as are appointed of committees be named by the Speaker, and approved of by the House.*

IX. *That the Speaker and Assembly have power to imprison such of their members as shall misbehave themselves, that all may be governed by order and decency.*

X. *That the minutes of the House be entered fair in a book apart, and compared every morning; and that the books remain in the hands of the Speaker for the time being.*

XI. *That when any motion is made, and seconded by any member, it shall be put to the vote, whether the matter proposed shall be debated.*

XII. *That, to prevent any misunderstanding in the House, no person shall be liable to answer for a motion made, or word spoken, in the house, unless it be at the same sitting, and before an adjournment; and that the House receive no information from without doors of words spoken openly in the House.*

XIII. *That the minutes of the preceding day be read every morning, before the House proceed to any business.*

XIV. *That a resolution being taken on any matter under the consideration of the House, in the House, such resolution shall not be altered during the same session.*

XV. *That every member who shall absent himself without leave of the House, or the Speaker, be, without further order, taken into custody; and that the Speaker shall, and he is empowered and required to, sign warrants for those purposes.*

XVI. *That all persons who shall be ordered into custody, do pay to the Sergeant at Arms a pistole, and to the Clerk half a pistole, for each day such person shall remain in custody; and that all persons who shall, during the continuance of this Assembly be in custody at the time of any future prorogation, shall be taken into custody at the next session; and that the Speaker issue his warrant accordingly.*

XVII. *That*

XVII. *That no committee continue ſitting after the Houſe is met.*

XVIII. *That any perſon in cuſtody, or under the cenſure of the Houſe, be not otherwiſe admitted than by petition; members of the Houſe excepted.*

XIX. *That if any member of this Houſe ſhall go off this iſland without leave of the Houſe, if ſitting;—or without acquainting the Speaker with his intention of ſo doing, in caſe the Houſe be not ſitting;—or, having had leave to go off the iſland, ſhall not return within the time limited for ſuch leave, (unleſs ſufficient cauſe is ſhewn to the contrary)—ſhall be expelled.*

XX. *That no member of the honourable the Council of this iſland hath any right to interfere in, or give his vote in, the election of any member to ſerve in this Aſſembly.*

XXI. *That when the Houſe ſhall judge any petition, touching elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order ſatisfaction to be made to the perſon petitioned againſt.*

XXII. *That in caſe it ſhall appear any perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected or returned a member of this Houſe, or endeavoured ſo to do, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt ſeverity againſt ſuch perſon.*

XXIII *That if it ſhall appear any perſon has been tampering with any witneſſes, in reſpect of their evidences to be given to this Houſe, or any committee thereof, or, directly or indirectly, endeavouring to deter or hinder any perſon from appearing or giving evidence, the ſame is declared to be a high crime and miſdemeanor; and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt ſeverity againſt ſuch offenders.*

XXIV. *That if it ſhall appear any perſons have given falſe evidence in any cauſe before the Houſe, or any committee thereof, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt ſeverity againſt ſuch offenders.*

XXV. *That in all caſes of controverted elections, the petitioners do, by themſelves or by their agents, within a convenient time to be appointed by the Houſe, deliver to the ſitting members, or their agent, lifts of the perſons intended by the petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting members, and that the ſitting members do, by themſelves or their agents, within the ſame time, deliver the like lifts on their parts to the petitioners, or their agents; and that the committee appointed to try ſuch elections take into conſideration all ſuch matters as ſhall or may come in queſtion, touching returns or elections; and the committee are to have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records, for their information; and if any thing ſhall come in queſtion touching the return or election of any member, he is to withdraw; and all members returned upon double returns are likewiſe to withdraw, until their reſpective returns are determined.*

XXVI. *That when any thing ſhall come in queſtion, touching the matter of privilege of any member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate.*

XXVII. *That all perſons ordered to attend this Houſe, or any committee thereof, are under the protection of this Houſe, in coming, ſtaying, and returning; of which the Provoſt-Marſhal and all other perſons are to take notice.*

XXVIII. *That twenty one make a quorum, to act as if all the members were preſent, and to proceed to all buſineſs.*

XXIX. *That*

XXIX. *That when the Houſe is going into a committee of the whole Houſe, on motion of any member, and ſuch motion ſeconded, the doors ſhall be locked, and the key laid upon the table before the Chairman; and if any member preſume to go from the committee without leave, he ſhall ſhall incur the cenſure of the Houſe.*

XXX. *That every member of this Houſe enjoy the privileges of his perſon againſt arreſts and impriſonments, in ſuch manner as hath heretofore been uſed and accuſtomed, except in caſes of treaſon, felony, breach of the peace, forcible entries, or forcible detainers.*

XXXI. *That no member of this Houſe hath any privilege in regard to his goods and chattels, except ſuch as are neceſſary for his accomodation during his attendance on the Houſe.*

XXXII. *That no member of this Houſe hath any privilege againſt payment of any aids, ſupplies, or taxes, granted for the ſupport of his Majeſty's government of this iſland, or of any pariſh duties.*

XXXIII. *That the miſrepreſenting the proceedings of this Houſe is a breach of privilege, and deſtructive of the freedom of the Houſe.*

XXXIV. *That to aſſert this Houſe hath no power of commitment, but of their own members, tends to the ſubverſion of the conſtitution of the Houſe.*

XXXV. *That no perſon, committed for breach of privilege, by order of this Houſe, ought to be diſcharged during the ſeſſion of Aſſembly, but by order or warrant of this Houſe.*

XXXVI. *That this Houſe will not agree to any motion for the granting of public money, or a report from a committee, recommending the grant of money, till ſuch motion or report has been made three days.*

XXXVII. *That no bill of a private nature ſhall take riſe in this Houſe in future, but by petition from the party or parties deſiring ſuch bill, and after a report made by a committee to be appointed to enquire into the allegations of ſuch petition.*

XXXVIII. *That no money ſhall in future be granted by this Houſe for any roads, without a diagram of ſaid roads be laid before the Houſe.*

XXXIX. *That upon motion of any member for names being taken down, on a diviſion of the Houſe, and the ſame being ſeconded, the names ſhall be taken, and entered on the minutes accordingly.*

Mr. Speaker reported, that the Houſe having attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a ſpeech, of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had, to prevent miſtakes, obtained a copy, and the ſame, being read by the Clerk, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

" *Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" SINCE the laſt ſeſſion his Majeſty has been obliged to keep a very conſiderable armament ready, in conjunction with his allies, in order to reſtore peace to all Europe: What ſucceſs his meaſures have had no certain intelligence is come, but ſuch accounts as are received preſent every appearance of peace.

" The

" The laſt accounts from St. Domingo give room to hope for as favourable a termination of the inſurrection there as is poſſible, after the deſtruction already committed. I have given them all the aſſiſtance I thought compatible with your ſecurity, by ſupplying them with ſuch arms and ammunition as could be ſpared from the magazines, without endangering a deficiency of what might be wanted for the militia.

" *Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" I KNOW of nothing which can occaſion me to aſk you for any grants of money beyond the ordinary annual expences, unleſs you ſhould think it prudent to remove a conſiderable number of cannon, which are lying about, expoſed, in ſeveral parts of the iſland, to ſuch places as may be more ſecure for them: In that caſe it will be neceſſary to grant the Fortification Board a ſum for that purpoſe.

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

" *Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" THOUGH, I truſt, the rights of mankind are no where more reſpected, or better underſtood, than in all parts of the Britiſh empire—Yet ſuch wild and enthuſiaſtic doctrines have been lately broached as muſt tend to diſturb the tranquillity of good government, without being capable of reforming a bad one: To ſuch notions, propagated among the ignorant, we muſt attribute the dreadful calamities that have afflicted moſt parts of the French dominions, particularly their iſlands.

" To your care, in rendering the lot of the moſt defenceleſs inhabitants ſecure and eaſy, it muſt, under Providence, be attributed that we are exempt from the like diſaſters; at the ſame time prudence requires that we ſhould all be vigilant to obſerve the ſmalleſt growth of any ſuch danger. That you, in your deliberations, purſue the ſame principle, and ſupply by any further acts, if neceſſary, the means of every reaſonable enjoyment and ſecurity to all who do not wilfully reject the happineſs you offer them."

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Excellency for his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion,

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. Whitehorne, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That his Excellency's ſpeech be referred to the ſaid committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Excellency's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Hibbert, acquainting him of his having been obliged to leave the iſland, and requeſting that the Houſe would vacate his ſeat.

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the ſeat of the ſaid Mr. Hibbert be vacated, agreeably to his requeſt,—

It paſſed in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Hibbert have leave of abſence for twelve months.

Mr Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Bourke, acquainting him of his intention of leaving the iſland, and requeſting that the Houſe would vacate his ſeat.

Ordered, That Mr. Bourke have general leave of abſence during this ſeſſion.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Bernard, acquainting him of his having been obliged to leave the iſland, and requeſting that the Houſe would vacate his ſeat.

Ordered, That Mr. Bernard have leave of abſence for twelve months.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe four letters he had received from Mr John Jackſon, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oſborn, and Mr. Jordan, informing him of their having been obliged to leave the iſland, on particular occaſions, and requeſting leave of abſence for twelve months.

Ordered, That they have leave of abſence accordingly.

Mr Speaker alſo laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, Agent for this iſland, which, being read,

"*MY DEAR SIR,* *London, Auguſt* 1, 1791.

"THIS is the tenth time that I have called upon my friends to ſupport my re-appointment as Agent. I have been flattered that my late indefatigable exertions, my long and unwearied attention, both within doors and without, to the greateſt colony queſtion that ever was yet agitated, and the happy and ever-memorable victory with which it was finally cloſed, will certainly ſecure my re-appointment; but, conſcious as I am that I have done no more than what it was my duty to do, I have no idea of truſting to my own little merit, when I may reſt upon thoſe ſervices which you are able to do me amongſt the firſt gentlemen of the iſland, to whom I have neither the honour nor the power of being known: I therefore beg the favour of you to recommend me to the honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, and that you will be ſo good as to favour me with that friendly ſupport with which you have hitherto invariably honoured,

"*MY DEAR SIR,*

"Your moſt faithful and moſt obliged humble ſervant,

The hon. S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

"STEPHEN FULLER."

Ordered, That the ſaid letter do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to augment the number of members to ſerve in this Aſſembly,

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Redwood, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Then

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii 26° Die Octobris, 1791.

PRAYERS. MR. Chief Juſtice, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Excellency, for his ſpeech at the opening of this ſeſſion, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read by the Clerk,

Ordered, That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed.

The following members are appointed a committee of privileges:

Mr. Fullerton, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Grant, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Blake, Mr. Richards, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. William Mitchell.

Ordered, That five be a quorum; that they ſit Tueſdays and Thurſdays in the Houſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records; and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee of grievances:

Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Barton, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Batty, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Vanheelen, and Mr. Shirley.

Ordered, That five be a quorum; that they ſit Wedneſdays and Fridays in the Houſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records; and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts:

Mr. Batty, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Shirley.

Ordered,

Ordered, That three be a quorum; that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records; and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to inſpect into the ſtate and condition of the ſeveral public offices of this iſland,

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Kemeys, and Mr. Grant, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to inſpect into the ſeveral courts of juſtice in this iſland,

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Barton, and Mr. James Mitchell, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to enquire what laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived or continued,

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. Blake, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne and Mr. Thompſon, or either of them, be a committee to examine and ſettle the minutes of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this iſland do forthwith ſend unto the Houſe the ſeveral original laws of this iſland, now in his cuſtody.

Ordered, That the clerk appointed by the committee of correſpondence do forthwith ſend unto the Houſe all books, papers, and writings, now in his cuſtody, belonging to the ſaid committee.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Excellency:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to deſire you will be pleaſed to give directions to the Receiver-General to attend the Houſe with the public books of accounts."

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell and Mr. M'Lean be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would give directions immediately.

Reſolved, That Mr Speaker do authorize any perſon to print the Votes of this ſeſſion; and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis

Jovis, 27° Die Octobris, 1791.

PRAYERS. RESOLVED, *nem. con.* That, in order to teſtify the grateful reſpect which the Houſe entertain towards his Excellency the Governor, and the veneration which they bear for the memory of his late conſort, the Counteſs of Effingham, it be made the requeſt of this Houſe to his Excellency, that he will be pleaſed to conſent that her Ladyſhip's funeral be conducted in the moſt honourable manner at the public expence; and that Mr. Speaker do communicate this reſolution to his Excellency, to know his pleaſure thereon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 28° Die Octobris, 1791.

PRAYERS. MR. Speaker reported, that, agreeably to the order of the Houſe, he had taken the earlieſt opportunity of communicating the reſolution of yeſterday to his Excellency the Governor, who, in anſwer, was pleaſed to ſay, he was highly ſenſible of the honour intended him by the Houſe, and very gratefully accepted their offer.

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe do attend the funeral of the Counteſs of Effingham as mourners.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland; and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh,

of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour:—

And, being met,

The bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland; and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, 'An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland; and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;' and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh."

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour:—

And, being met,

The engroſſed bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland; and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne and Mr Thompſon be a committee to carry the above bill to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto, who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to join a committee of the Council (if their Honours ſhall think proper to concur with the Houſe therein), to conduct the funeral of the Counteſs of Effingham in the moſt honourable manner; the expence of which this Houſe will make good.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Blake, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. Redwood, or any four of them, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

" WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint your Honours that they have appointed a committee to conduct the funeral of the Counteſs of Effingham in the moſt honourable manner, and deſire to know whether your Honours will pleaſe to join therein."

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp and Mr. Bolt be a committee to carry the above meſſage to the Council; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That the reverend Thomas Warren, Chaplain to this Houſe, do preach a ſermon at the funeral of the Counteſs of Effingham on Wedneſday next.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Board to acquaint the Houſe that, agreeable to their meſſage of this day, they have appointed three of their Board to be a committee to join the committee of the Houſe, to conduct the funeral of the late Counteſs of Effingham in the moſt honourable manner."

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe that he had the Governor's permiſſion to adjourn the Houſe from time to time, as they ſhould think proper.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe on Tueſday next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Tueſday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Martis 1° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Excellency's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr.

Mr. Chief Juſtice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, from the committee, reported ſix reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again ſeverally read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

" 1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, " An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia; for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia."

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Barton, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Vanheelen, and Mr. Grant, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare an humble addreſs to his Majeſty, requeſting that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to order a regiment of light horſe, augmented to the war eſtabliſhment, to be ſent to this iſland, in addition to our garriſon; and that he will be further graciouſly pleaſed to augment the four regiments of infantry now here to ſeven hundred men each; for which number of men the uſual iſland-ſubſiſtence will be provided, and ſuitable proviſion made for the ſubſiſtence of the horſe: And that we will alſo raiſe ſuch further ſums as may be deemed neceſſary for putting the barracks in the ſeveral pariſhes in a proper condition for their reception.

Ordered, That Mr. Grant, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. William Mitchell, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 3. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Ordered that Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Fullerton, and Mr. Galbraith, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 4. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 5. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections.'

Ordered, That Mr. Rodon, Mr. Vanheelen, and Mr. Redwood, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 6. That

"6. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Ordered, That Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee for that purpoſe.

And then Mr Chief Juſtice acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Excellency's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will not receive any buſineſs of a private nature after Thurſday, the firſt day of December next.

Ordered, That the above reſolution be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for four weeks.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii 2° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE Houſe met,

And then the Houſe was adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 3° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. A MESSAGE from his Excellency in Council, by the Clerk of the Council, who brought down the writ of election for the pariſh of Vere; which, with the Provoſt-Marſhal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that Thomas Anderſon, Eſquire, was returned a repreſentative for the ſaid pariſh, in the room of Archibald Sympſon, Eſquire, deceaſed.

And the ſaid Thomas Anderſon, Eſquire, attending, took the uſual oaths, and his ſeat accordingly.

The engroſſed addreſs to his Excellency was read in the words following:

To his Excellency the right honourable THOMAS EARL OF EFFINGHAM, *Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief of this his Majeſty's iſland of Jamaica, and other the territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral of the ſame.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"WE, his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Aſſembly of Jamaica, beg leave to return your Excellency our thanks for your ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

"It is with great ſatisfaction we receive the information which your Excellency has been pleaſed to give us, that accounts from Great-Britain preſent appearances of peace; with the continuance of which the general intereſts of humanity, as well as our own particular welfare, are ſo intimately connected.

"Sympathizing moſt feelingly with our unfortunate neighbours at St. Domingo, we cannot fail ſincerely to hope that the favourable intelligence which your Excellency has received from thence may be verified; and that the inhabitants will be able to ſuppreſs and extinguiſh the deſtructive rebellion that now rages in that iſland We are happy that your Excellency has given them all the aſſiſtance of arms and ammunition that could be ſpared, conſiſtently with our own ſafety.

"We ſhall, with our uſual readineſs, provide for the ordinary annual expences of Government. The meaſure, ſo properly recommended to us by your Excellency, of removing and ſecuring the cannon which are lying about, expoſed, in ſeveral parts of the iſland, demands, for obvious reaſons, our earlieſt attention; and we ſhall moſt chearfully grant ſuch a ſum or ſums of money as may be found requiſite for that purpoſe.

"The dreadful example which the French iſlands preſent to us at this juncture affords a melancholy proof of the fatal tendency of thoſe wild enthuſiaſtic notions, ſo wiſely reprobated by your Excellency; and permit us, my Lord, on this occaſion, to obſerve, that,

notwithſtanding

notwithſtanding the calumnies to which we have been expoſed in Great-Britain, from the miſrepreſentations of ignorance or malevolence, the juſt rights of mankind are no where more highly reſpected than in this part of his Majeſty's dominions; diſtinguiſhing, as propriety and neceſſity require, between civilized and uncivilized life. In improving the condition of our negroes, we well know that our intereſt concurs with our duty; but we know, alſo, that humanity, as well as morality and juſtice, require us to proceed on this ground with the utmoſt deliberation and fore-ſight. We are happy that the meaſures which we have already taken, to render the lot of the moſt defenceleſs part of the community ſecure and eaſy, have met with your Excellency's approbation; and we beg you to believe that we ſhall continue to exert our beſt endeavours for the protection and benefit of every order and deſcription of perſons among us, by ſuch further humane and reaſonable proviſions as circumſtances will admit; in which benevolent purſuit, we have the fulleſt reliance on your Excellency's aſſiſtance and co-operation."

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Excellency:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY*,

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to acquaint you that, having an humble addreſs to preſent, they deſire to know when you will pleaſe to be attended."

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne and Mr. Anderſon be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, to-morrow afternoon at three of the clock.

Mr. Grant, from the committee appointed to prepare an humble addreſs and petition to his majeſty, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read by the clerk,

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs and petition be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, immediately.

Then the Houſe reſolved themſelves into ſuch committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the addreſs, without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed.

Mr Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Fraſer, requeſting that the Houſe would vacate his ſeat.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Fraſer have general leave of abſence during this ſeſſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 4° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. MR. Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, and preſented their addreſs, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to return an anſwer, of which Mr Speaker ſaid, to prevent miſtakes, he had obtained a copy; and the ſame, being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

"I RETURN you my thanks for this addreſs, which is the more agreeable to me from its containing ſuch ſentiments and reſolutions, reſpecting your future deliberations, as cannot fail to enſure the welfare and happineſs of this iſland."

The engroſſed addreſs and petition to his Majeſty was read in the words following:

To the KING'*s moſt excellent Majeſty.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS AND PETITION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

"*MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,*

"WE, your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Aſſembly of Jamaica, called upon by the impending danger of our ſituation, look up to your moſt excellent Majeſty as the auguſt and impartial Father of all your people, to whom we are to repreſent the apprehenſions and terrors which now ſurround us, and on whoſe paternal care for our ſafety and preſervation we ſolely depend for that efficient protection which will enſure our ſecurity.

"The dreadful effects of thoſe wild and enthuſiaſtic doctrines, prevalent among certain miſtaken and ill-informed perſons in Europe, reſpecting the ſlave-trade and the nature of our property in the Weſt-Indies (againſt which your Majeſty's ſubjects in theſe iſlands have

have had of late to contend) are at length ſeverely felt by the French inhabitants of St. Domingo; and, whatever temporary advantage our ſtaples may derive from their calamities, the tenure both of our properties and lives is precarious, while our ſlaves have ſuch a precedent of the triumph of ſavage anarchy over all order and government. This iſland, every claſs and colour of whoſe inhabitants (ſo far as their ſtate of civilization will admit) poſſeſs the bleſſings of a mild and equitable government, under which the ſeveral rights of perſon and property are ſecured by laws framed for the general welfare and protection, would then become one general ſcene of horror and confuſion;—murder, robbery, rape, conflagration, would then prove inadequate terms to depict our calamities, as, in that event, the blackeſt crimes, as if receiving a deeper dye from the complexion of the cruel and mercileſs enemy, would be perpetrated in the moſt ſavage and ſhocking manner.

"Suffer us, gracious Sire, to lay this, the faint repreſentation of our alarms, at the foot of the Throne, and humbly to beſeech that your moſt gracious Majeſty would be pleaſed to encreaſe the military force on this ſtation, in ſuch manner as to your Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet, in particular, that your Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to order a regiment of light dragoons, augmented to three hundred men, for the internal ſervice of this iſland, and to augment the four regiments of foot now here from four to ſeven hundred men each; for which augmentation of the infantry your Majeſty's Aſſembly have already pledged themſelves to provide, and will likewiſe make ſuitable preparation and proviſion for the regiment of cavalry, and will alſo raiſe ſuch ſums as may be deemed neceſſary for putting the barracks in the ſeveral pariſhes, and ſuch buildings as may be wanted for the accomodation of the horſe, in proper condition for their reception.

"We earneſtly pray that your Majeſty may long live to behold your people enjoy, in their wonted tranquillity and freedom, the ineſtimable bleſſings of your Majeſty's mild and auſpicious reign."

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Grant and Mr. William Mitchell be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, to deſire he will be pleaſed to tranſmit the addreſs to his Majeſty in the moſt acceptable manner, and that his Excellency will alſo be pleaſed to enforce the ſame with his warmeſt recommendations; who, returning, reported that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would tranſmit it in the moſt acceptable manner to his Majeſty, and that he would enforce it by his own recommendation.

Ordered, That the committee of correſpondence do tranſmit to the Agent a copy of the addreſs to his Majeſty, paſſed this day, ſtating ſuch additional reaſons as occur to them, in ſupport of the application for a regiment of cavalry for the internal defence of this iſland; particularly by repreſenting the tardineſs and delay which muſt attend the marching of infantry to the interior parts of the country, and the danger and inconvenience to which they will be ſubject from the effects of the ſun and rains in this climate; and directing him to take the earlieſt opportunity of communicating with his Majeſty's Miniſters on the ſubject thereof, that the Houſe may have timely notice of his Majeſty's determination, whereby the neceſſary proviſion may be made for the reception of ſuch cavalry as he may be graciouſly pleaſed to order for our protection: And, further, that he do likewiſe purchaſe five thouſand ſtand of arms, with the proper accoutrements for the uſe of the different regi-

ments of the militia of this iſland; and alſo, one thouſand carabines for light cavalry of militia, with bayonets, cartouch boxes, and croſs-belts, and the ſame number of horſemen's ſwords, for the uſe of the horſe militia.

Mr. Kemeys, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Tharp, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Rodon, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr James Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered that the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. William Mitchell from the committee appointed to enquire what laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived, or continued, reported,

"THAT the ſeveral laws following are either expired, or near expiring, and, in the opinion of the committee, are proper to be revived or continued:

"An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the Receiver-General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain regulations."

Odered, That Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Anderſon, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war."

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Barton, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Richards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act to enable his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham, Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time.

Ordered, That Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Thompſon, and Mr. Grant, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland; and for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch management "

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Whitehorne, and Mr. Wallen, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland."

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. Vanheelen, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act to repeal an act, entitled, ' An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes."

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Blake, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

An act to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment.

Ordered, That Mr Whitehorne, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. M'Lean, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, ' An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of wineſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;' and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the

the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Rodon, Mr. Galbraith, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland."

Ordered, That Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary."

NOTE.—The committee obſerve that this laſt is a private bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Rennalls, and Mr. Richards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

A petition of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, on behalf of Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of the ſaid Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, lately deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner's ſeveral children have been ſeverally baptized, and educated and inſtructed in the principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and in the communion of the Church of England, as by law eſtabliſhed; and have been brought up in a decent and induſtrious manner, and are poſſeſſed of property ſufficient to ſupport them in a better ſituation than that in which they are at preſent placed, they being ſubject to the like pains and penalties with thoſe people of their own complexion who are uneducated, and have not the means of ſubſiſting themſelves honeſtly.

"And praying that the Houſe will be pleaſed to give leave for a bill to be brought in, for granting to them and their iſſue the like privileges as have been heretofore granted to perſons under the like circumſtances."

Ordered, That the conſideration of the ſaid petition be referred to Mr. M'Lean, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. Galbraith; that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Excellency's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr.

Mr Chief Juſtice, from the committee, reported two reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again ſeverally read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

"1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Excellency, requeſting that he will call a board of commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, that the neceſſary orders may be given for removing and ſecuring the cannon which are lying about, expoſed, in ſeveral parts of the iſland; the expence of which this or any future Aſſembly will make good.

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Excellency, requeſting that he will be pleaſed to recommend to Admiral Affleck, to ſtation ſuch frigates and ſloops of war as he may think proper at the out-ports of this iſland for ſome time, particularly from the tenth day of December next, to the tenth day of January following."

And then Mr. Chief Juſtice acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow morning, reſolve themſelves into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Excellency's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe that the leave of abſence granted for twelve months to Sir Thomas Champneys, Baronet, was expired, and that he had not applied for any further leave

Reſolved, That the ſaid Sir Thomas Champneys be expelled.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati 5° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſages be ſent to his Excellency:

(First Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to give directions for iſſuing a writ to chooſe a repreſentative for the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Eaſt, in the room of Sir Thomas Champneys, Baronet, expelled the Houſe."

(Second Message)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to call a board of commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, that the neceſſary orders may be given for removing and ſecuring the cannon which are lying about, expoſed, in ſeveral parts of the iſland; the expence whereof this or any future Aſſembly will make good."

(Third Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to recommend to Admiral Affleck to ſtation ſuch frigates and ſloops of war as he may think proper at the out-ports of this iſland for ſome time, particularly from the tenth day of December next, to the tenth day of January following."

Ordered, That Mr Blake and Mr. Murphy be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the above meſſages; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would chearfully comply with the requiſitions of the Houſe.

The bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, that the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe on Tueſday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe on Tueſday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes,

The bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe on Tueſday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

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The bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe on Tueſday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Mr. Cockburn, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the Receiver-General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain regulations; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr. Barton, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr Fullerton, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to enable his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham, Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland; and for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered that the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr Rodon, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord

1779,

1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr Fullerton, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds, for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, that the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr Campbell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Mr Galbraith, from the committee to whom the petition of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, on behalf of Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of the ſaid Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, deceaſed, was referred, reported, that the committee had enquired into the allegations therein ſet forth, and do find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee ſhould be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Lean, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. Galbraith, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Tueſday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

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Martis 8° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof; and to enable the Receiver-General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain regulations; was read the ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to enable his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham, Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being; to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes

neſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds, for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Mr Whitehorne, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. M'Lean, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

A Petition of John Harris, Commander at Fort-George at Port-Antonio, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT, in November 1789, the petitioner preſented a petition, ſetting forth, 'That he was firſt appointed Captain of Fort-George in 1756, and that the petitioner and former Captains of ſaid fort and fortifications, had always apartments in the ſaid fort, and that the petitioner for the moſt part of the time ſince December 1772, when he was appointed again Captain of the ſaid fort and fortifications by Sir William Trelawney, Baronet, has been obliged to find lodging for himſelf and family at his own expence out of the ſaid fort, in order that better accommodations might be afforded to the officers of the troops quartered therein, the limited condition of the apartments for the ſaid officers being, at times, no more than ſufficient for them:

" That, by a favourable attention to the aforeſaid petition, the Houſe was pleaſed to grant the petitioner, in the ſeſſions of 1789, the ſum of fifty pounds for lodging-money for that year; and, in the ſeſſions of 1790, to vote the ſum of fifty pounds for the uſe of the petitioner:

" That the petitioner, ſtill ſtanding in the ſame predicament as ſet forth in his petition of 1789, hopes the Houſe will conceive him entitled to the ſame proviſion of lodging-money for the preſent year 1791 as he had him granted in 1789:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered,

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A motion being made that the Houſe do come to the following reſolution:

That this Houſe will not grant any money for roads this preſent ſeſſion;—

And the previous queſtion being demanded and put, whether that queſtion ſhould be now put; it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then, the main queſtion being put,

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 15.—Mr. Blake, Mr. Richards, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Barton, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. M'Lean.

Noes, 13.—Mr Grant, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr Fullerton, Mr Rennalls, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Wallen, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr Cockburn, and Mr. Tharp.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the above reſolution, together with the numbers and names taken thereon, be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for two weeks.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Mercurii 9° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE Houſe being informed that Charles Bernard, Eſquire, repreſentative for the pariſh of St. James, had left the iſland with an intention not to return,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſeat of the ſaid Charles Bernard, Eſquire, be vacated, agreeably to his requeſt ſignified in his letter on the firſt day of the ſeſſion.

The bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions."

A petition of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, on behalf of Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, free mulattoes, and of Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, free quadroons, the reputed children of the ſaid Ebenezer Edie, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT, by an act paſſed in the year of our Lord 1766, the ſaid Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, became entitled to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents; but which act contains a proviſo that nothing therein contained ſhould be conſtrued or underſtood to extend to, or confer upon, the ſaid Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, or either of them, or upon their or either of their iſſue, any power, capacity, or ability, of giving teſtimony againſt any white perſon or perſons in trials or cauſes civil or criminal, except in criminal proſecutions for aſſaults, batteries, breaches of the peace, or any violence committed againſt them, or any of them; and, in ſuch caſes, no one of them ſhould be admitted as evidence for another, or ſitting, or voting, either in the Council or Aſſembly of this iſland, or of voting at any election whatſoever, or of holding or enjoying any office, civil or military, or ſerving as jurors, or as veſtrymen, or of being capacitated to purchaſe, take, and receive, any eſtate or inheritance whatſoever, contrary to the intent and meaning of an act entitled "An act to prevent the inconveniencies ariſing from exorbitant grants and deviſes made by white perſons to negroes, and the iſſue of negroes, and to reſtrain and limit ſuch grants and deviſes," but that the ſaid Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, ſhould be ſeverally excluded therefrom, as by the ſaid act may appear.

"That

" That the ſaid Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, have been ſeverally, religiouſly and decently educated and brought up, and will reſpectively be poſſeſſed of conſiderable property in this iſland; that the privileges already granted are no more than thoſe which have been granted to many free perſons who have neither education nor property:

" And praying that the Houſe will be pleaſed to give leave for a bill to be brought in, to extend to the ſaid Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, and their children, the ſaid privileges, in ſuch manner as has been heretofore allowed to perſons in ſimilar ſituations."

Ordered, That the conſideration of the ſaid petition be referred to Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Galbraith, and Mr. Richards, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of Frances Rigby Brodbelt, phyſician to the gaol of St Jago de la Vega, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioner was appointed, by warrant from his Excellency General Archibald Campbell, phyſician to the ſaid gaol, on the fourth day of October 1782; ſince which time the petitioner hath diligently and carefully attended and adminiſtered medicines to the ſeveral ſick white priſoners confined therein:

" That the ſum of one hundred pounds, granted annually to the phyſician, for his attendance and ſupplying medicines to ſuch ſick white priſoners, is due for the preſent year:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to inſpect the journals of the Council,

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne and Mr. Shirley, or either of them, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That the Receiver General do forthwith lay before the Houſe, an account of the ſeveral ſums of money which have been paid by him to the orders of commiſſioners for laying out the different grants which have been made by the Houſe towards public roads and bridges for the laſt three years; and of the monies remaining in his hands unpaid; diſtinguiſhing the ſeveral roads for which the ſame were granted.

Ordered, That Mr. Barrett and Mr. Whitehorne be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to explain and amend an act entitled " An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia.

Ordered, That Mr. Barrett be added to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts.

A meſſage from his Excellency, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Excellency to lay before the Houſe a letter which he has lately received from St. Domingo."

Ordered, That the above meſſage, and papers therewith ſent, do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved themſelves into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported one reſolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read by the Clerk, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

"That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, 'An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro-towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' for altering the mode of trial of ſuch maroons, and for giving them further ſecurity and protection."

Ordered, That Mr Shirley, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Barrett, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Reſolved, That a meſſage be ſent to his Excellency, requeſting he will be pleaſed to direct that a return of the ſtrength of the different regiments of horſe and foot militia of this iſland be laid before the Houſe as ſoon as poſſible.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 10° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſages be ſent to his Excellency:

(FIRST MESSAGE.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to give directions for iſſuing a writ to chooſe a repreſentative for the pariſh of St. James, in the room of Charles Bernard, Eſquire, whoſe ſeat the Houſe have vacated."

(SECOND MESSAGE)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to direct that a return of the ſtrength of the different regiments of horſe and foot militia of this iſland be laid before the Houſe as ſoon as poſſible."

Ordered, That Mr. Barrett and Mr. Vanheelen be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the above meſſages; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would give directions accordingly.

The engroſſed bill to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read a third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Mr. M'Lean from the committee to whom the petition of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, on behalf of Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, free mulattoes, and of Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, free quadroons, the reputed children of the ſaid Ebenezer Edie, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein ſet forth, and do find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Galbraith, and Mr. Richards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Barton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Barton, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where the ſeveral amendments, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then one other amendment being again read,

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the report be amended by inſerting, "or ſuch other puniſhment as a court-martial ſhall inflict,"—

It paſſed in the negative.

Then one other amendment being again read,

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the report be amended by inſerting, "during martial law,"—

It paſſed in the negative.

Then ſeveral other amendments made to the ſaid bill, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war."

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the ſeveral pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted."

Ordered, That Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

The Houſe being informed that Hinton Eaſt, Eſquire, the Receiver General, attended at the door, he was called in, and, at the bar, preſented to the Houſe, according to order, an account of the ſeveral ſums of money which have been paid by him to the orders of commiſſioners for laying out the different grants which had been made by the Houſe towards public roads and bridges for the laſt three years, diſtinguiſhing the ſeveral roads for which the ſame were granted.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid account do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 11° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE engroſſed bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war was read the third time.

And a motion being made that the ſaid bill do paſs,

The Houſe divided.

The Noes went forth.

Ayes, 23.—Mr Bolt, Mr William Mitchell, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Galbraith, Mr Cockburn, Mr Rodon, Mr Tharp, Mr Whitehorne, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Blake, Mr. Richards, Mr. Anderſon, Mr Rennalls, Mr Barton, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grant, Mr Chief Juſtice, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Batty, and Mr. M'Lean.

Noes, 8—Mr. Wallen, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Fuller, Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr. Barrett, Mr Fullerton, Mr Vanheelen, and Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Mr. M'Lean, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to entitle Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the

ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, from the committee appointed to enquire into, and prepare an account of, the ſeveral charities and donations that have been made and deviſed from time to time by well diſpoſed perſons, for the eſtabliſhment of free-ſchools in the different parts of this iſland, and which have not been carried into effect agreeable to the intention of the donors; and further to report a ſtate of the landed and other real property, funds, and ſecurities for money, which, in the judgment of the committee, are at this time ſubject and liable to ſuch donations; and their opinion what ſteps are proper to be taken for the recovery and eſtabliſhment thereof for the purpoſes intended; reported,

"That the committee, limiting their enquiries to ſuch charities or donations only, in the recovery whereof there appears at this time any viſible property to which reſort can be had, confine themſelves to the ſeveral pariſhes of St. Ann, St Andrew, Vere, and Weſtmorland In each of theſe pariſhes, donations have been made for the purpoſe in the reſolution of the Houſe mentioned; ſome of which donations have not been carried into full effect, and others have remained wholly unapplied and unaccounted for by the ſeveral deviſees, executors, purchaſers, or poſſeſſors, under the original granters or donors of ſuch eſtates or properties as were eſpecially charged with ſuch donations:

"And, firſt, as to the pariſh of St. Ann:

"It appears that Charles Drax, late of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, deceaſed, did, by his laſt will and teſtament, bearing date the 179 , order and direct, that a charity ſchool ſhould be eſtabliſhed in the ſaid pariſh of St. Ann, for maintaining and educating eight poor boys and four poor girls belonging to the ſaid pariſh, as well as for other charitable purpoſes: And, as an endowment to the ſaid charity, the teſtator made ſubject and liable all that his eſtate in the ſaid pariſh of St. Ann, called Shelton; and, if that ſhould be found inſufficient, his will was, that all his, the teſtators, other eſtates ſhould be made liable for the deficiency, as by an extract of the will of the ſaid Charles Drax, as far as relates to the ſaid charity, to this report annexed, marked A, may more fully appear:

"The committee alſo, from the beſt information they have been able to collect, find, that the charitable intention of the teſtator has never been carried into effect, notwithſtanding his eſtates have been very ſufficient for the purpoſe. The committee alſo find, that the veſtry of the pariſh of St Ann, in the year 1784, ſubmitted a caſe upon the will of the ſaid Charles Drax to the opinion of eminent counſel in England, and whoſe opinions have been decided as to the right of the ſaid pariſh under the ſaid will, and that the teſtator's eſtates called Shelton and Draxhall, in the poſſeſſion of William Beckford of Fonthill, in the county of Wilks, in the kingdom of Great-Britain, Eſquire, are liable, as well for the arrears due on account of the ſaid charity, as for defraying the future expences thereof, as by the caſe and the opinions of Counſel taken thereon, hereunto annexed, marked B, may more fully appear:

"That, upon a reaſonable eſtimation of the expences of the ſaid ſchool, from the teſtator's death to this preſent time, the amount of arrears are 57,973l. current money of Jamaica, as by an account thereof to this report annexed, marked C, will more fully appear,

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in which account no notice of intereſt is taken, but by calculating ſimple intereſt thereon, at ſix per cent. per annum only, although, for many years after the teſtator's death, the legal intereſt of the iſland was ten per cent. and for many years eight per cent. the arrears and intereſt together, make the ſum of 155,0281 current money of Jamaica, as by a ſubſequent account in the ſame ſchedule will appear:

" The committee further report, that they have received information there are other charitable proviſions made by ſundry perſons for the uſe of the poor of the ſaid pariſh, which have never been carried into effect; all which tend to diſcourage the humane and charitable from providing for the poor and needy, ſeeing the diſregard that is paid to teſtamentary grants of the ſame nature:

" The committee, upon mature deliberation, as to the moſt practicable means of recovering the money ſo due to the pariſh of St. Ann, recommend that this Houſe will by law empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſaid pariſh to raiſe ſuch ſum and ſums of money, as may from time to time be neceſſary for proſecuting the rights of the ſaid pariſh, and for recovering all and every ſuch charitable donations, by a tax for that purpoſe, to be aſſeſſed by the ſaid juſtices and veſtry on the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, with power to nominate and appoint certain commiſſioners for conducting ſuch ſuit or ſuits at law or equity as may be neceſſary for the purpoſe; and which mode the committee are encouraged to recommend, not only as it appears to them to be the moſt eligible, but as it meets the committee have been informed by the repreſentatives of the ſaid pariſh) with the wiſhes of the major part of the inhabitants thereof:

" The committee, that there may be no further delay of juſtice, and conſidering the importance of the preſent ſubject, have thought fit to make the aforeſaid claims of the pariſh of St. Ann a ſeparate report, reſerving to themſelves a further time for reporting on the donations and arrears due to the ſeveral pariſhes of St. Andrew, Vere, and Weſtmorland, which, from a variety of evidence and other circumſtances, will take the committee much time to inveſtigate."

The SCHEDULE A, to which the annexed REPORT refers.

" Firſt, I will and order that all my debts, legacies, and funeral expences be paid with all convenient ſpeed after my deceaſe; and for the payment whereof, I do charge all my real and perſonal eſtate, except my land called Shelton, in Jamaica. Item, I will, order, and direct, that the new houſe which I erected and built on my ſaid land in Jamaica, called Shelton, ſhall, from and immediately after my deceaſe, be applied, appropriated, and uſed as a free-ſchool, for the ſupport, maintenance, and education of eight poor boys and four poor girls, belonging to the inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Ann, in the iſland aforeſaid: And my mind and will is, that they be all taught reading, writing, and arithmetic; and for that purpoſe, ſome learned and diſcreet man be nominated and appointed by my executors, and the ſurvivor of them in Jamaica, ſo long as they or either of them ſhall live, by the majority of the juſtices of the ſaid pariſh of St. Ann after their deceaſe; to whom there ſhall be yearly paid, by four equal quarterly payments, forty pounds of current money of Jamaica, for his pains and trouble, and alſo have the full uſe and benefit of the ſaid free-ſchool or hoſpital during his continuance of a maſter thereof, and no longer, it being my intention that ſuch perſon, and all others appointed for the management and ſervice of the ſaid ſchool or hoſpital, ſhall be liable to be turned out by the majority of the ſaid juſtices

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as often as they ſee fit: And I will alſo, that a ſober, careful, and houſewifely woman, be in like manner nominated and appointed to look after, attend, and nurſe, the ſaid poor boys and girls, and to teach the girls to ſew and do plain work, and other houſewifely things; and that there be yearly paid to her, by four equal quarterly payments, the ſum of twenty pounds per annum, of current money of Jamaica: I will alſo, that there be a good chirurgeon or apothecary in like manner appointed and choſen to attend from time to time, to viſit and adminiſter phyſic and other help and aſſiſtance, and that, for his care and pains in that affair, there be yearly paid to him, by two half yearly payments, the annual ſum of twelve pounds of current money of Jamaica, viz. at Michaelmas and Lady-Day: And I order, that two of my negro-women ſlaves, as ſhall be thought moſt capable, ſhall, from time to time, be taken off my plantation in the pariſh and iſland aforeſaid, and be kept conſtantly employed in the ſaid free-ſchool or hoſpital, to keep the ſaid hoſpital clean and neat, and to dreſs the victuals, waſh, and otherwiſe attend on the ſaid boys and girls. Item, I will that each poor boy ſhall, upon his admiſſion, be immediately ſupplied with ſix ſhirts, four waiſtcoats, four pair of breeches, ſix pair of hoſe, four pair of ſhoes, and two hats; and that each boy admitted there ſhall be yearly and every year, during his continuance there, furniſhed and provided with the like quantity of clothes and apparel; and that each girl ſhall be furniſhed and provided for in proportion with the boys; and that no boy or girl ſhall be admitted into the ſaid ſchool or hoſpital, until he or ſhe ſhall be ſix years old; and that each boy, attaining his age of fifteen years, ſhall be placed out apprentice to ſuch manual trade or occupation as my executors, or the majority of the juſtices aforeſaid, ſhall think proper; and every boy, that honeſtly and faithfully ſerves out his apprenticeſhip ſhall be paid at the end of the term five pounds of current money of Jamaica, to buy him tools; and that each ſhall be placed out as aforeſaid apprentice upon attaining the age of fourteen years. Item, I will, that all ſuch boys and girls as ſhall be admitted into the ſaid free-ſchool or hoſpital ſhall be inſtructed in the principles and doctrine of the Church of England; and that the ſaid boys and girls be conſtantly ſupplied upon every vacancy; and that they be ſupplied with good bedding and ſheets, and two to lie in one bed; and that they eat freſh meat every Sunday and Thurſday, with good bread and wholeſome liquor; and every Wedneſday and Friday with freſh fiſh, if to be had, if not, ſalt-fiſh; on Mondays, beef and pudding; on Tueſdays, with pork and peaſe; and on Saturday, with what can be moſt eaſily procured: And I make my eſtate at Shelton liable and chargeable for ever with the ſeveral payments, expences, and diſburſements, to be made, paid, and laid out, in or about the ſaid free-ſchool or hoſpital, and deſire that it may be ſupported and kept up decently and in good order; and that the houſe now appointed for it may be enlarged, if neceſſary, at any time: and if at any time there ſhould prove a deficiency, I make my other eſtates in Jamaica ſubject to make good any deficiency. Item, I order my executors at Jamaica to pay five hundred pounds of current money of Jamaica, towards the re-building or erecting a church where the old church ſtood, which was built by Peter Martyr when he was Biſhop of the Weſt-Indies, in the pariſh of St. Ann aforeſaid, provided a new church ſhall be built upon the very ſame ground where the ſaid old church ſtood, and not otherwiſe; which ſum of five hundred pounds ſhall remain in my executors hands, until the church be built, or near finiſhed, and then paid to the juſtices and veſtry without intereſt."

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The SCHEDULE B, to which the annexed REPORT refers.

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Charles Drax, of the iſland of Jamaica, died in England in or about the year 1721, firſt making his will, by which he leaves part of his eſtate in the pariſh of St Ann, in the iſland of Jamaica, as an endowment of a charity ſchool. (See will in the ſchedule A.)

The teſtator, Drax, after bequeathing ſeveral pecuniary and other legacies, deviſes the reſidue of his eſtate to his brother-in-law Samuel Reynolds The eſtate ſo deviſed is called Drax-hall, in the iſland of Jamaica; it is very conſiderable, and which, by a variety of wills and conveyances, at length became legally veſted, in the year 1762, in Samuel Barnett, who was at that time (to wit, in 1762,) in England; but, being a weak and indolent man, and ſomewhat embarraſſed, he entered into a written agreement with William Beckford, a man of great fortune, to ſell the ſaid eſtate, called Drax-Hall, for a conſideration, which, if paid, was manifeſtly not one third of the real value, the ſaid eſtate being a capital ſugar plantation, and is reputed to be worth £. 80,000 ſterling, and the conſideration agreed to be paid by Beckford, was under £. 30,000 ſterling; and the manner in which Beckford was to pay the conſideration money was by taking up Barnett's debts.

Barnett, purſuant to the ſaid agreement, did, in the year 1762, actually convey the ſaid eſtate, in fee, to Beckford, who from that time has been in poſſeſſion under ſuch conveyance.

Beckford, between the time of the firſt agreement and the deed of confirmation, takes notice of the claim which the pariſh of St. Ann had on the ſaid eſtate, under the will of Drax, and accordingly an additional agreement takes place between Barnett and Beckford, by which the latter was to reſerve the ſum of £. 3150 ſterling out of the purchaſe money firſt agreed upon to anſwer ſuch claim: This additional agreement was reduced to writing in a memorandum, which is recited in a deed of confirmation as follows:

"That the ſaid Charles Drax had, by his will, charged the ſaid Drax-hall eſtate with the maintenance of a charity-ſchool or hoſpital, and the building a church in the pariſh of St. Ann, in the iſland of Jamaica, an eſtimate of which had been made and calculated; that the ſum of ſix thouſand pounds ſterling and upwards could not more than anſwer the carrying into execution the ſaid charitable incumbrances; but as the ſame had never taken place, nor was ever likely to take place, the ſaid agreement witneſſed, and the ſaid William Beckford, for the conſiderations after-mentioned, did thereby agree to accept of ſaid conveyance from the ſaid Samuel Barnett, charged with the after-mentioned incumbrances; and, in conſideration thereof, the ſaid Samuel Barnett did thereby agree to allow the ſaid William Beckford a ſum of three thouſand one hundred and fifty pounds, out of the conſideration money agreed to be paid by the ſaid William Beckford to the ſaid Samuel Barnett, and that it ſhould be lawful for the ſaid William Beckford to retain to his own uſe, out of the conſideration monies, the ſum of three thouſand one hundred and fifty pounds." In the ſaid deed of confirmation from Barnett to Beckford the grantor covenants "that the premiſes conveyed by him are free and clear of all manner of incumbrances, except the ſaid charitable incumbrances, in or relative to the appropriating and uſing the houſe as a free ſchool or hoſpital for ever, for the ſupport, maintaining, and educating, poor boys and girls, and the enlarging the ſaid houſe, as in the ſaid recited will of the ſaid

Charles Drax are particularly ſet forth; and except the ſum of five hundred pounds, Jamaica currency, given towards the rebuilding or erecting a church, as in the ſaid will of the ſaid Charles Drax is particularly mentioned and expreſſed"

Drax, by his will, left four executors, two for the management of affairs in Jamaica, and two in England; one of the two that were appointed for the concerns in Jamaica was the father of Beckford, the purchaſer from Barnett; but I do not know whether he took upon him the management or not, or if he ever qualified; but this knowledge, if neceſſary, may be eaſily obtained by ſearching the Secretary's office in Jamaica.

Barnett, not many months after he had conveyed to Beckford, died in England, and the advantage which the latter had taken of the former in a variety of inſtances, was ſo glaring, that it excited the indignation of every honeſt man who became acquainted with the tranſaction, and the ſon and heir of Barnett had very flattering encouragement, from the opinion of counſel, to inſtitute a ſuit againſt Beckford, which he did by a long bill in chancery; and, by an apparent fair ſtatement of facts ſet forth in that bill, it is ſhewn that Beckford did not give even the inadequate conſideration firſt agreed upon, and that the money really and *bona fide* paid by him, was not more than £. 14,000: In that bill was alſo ſet forth a variety of infamous and artful ſtratagems which the buyer had (in collusion with others of his own complexion, and who were connected with and dependent on him) reſorted to, in order to effect his wicked purpoſe. Barnett, as is before obſerved, was a very indolent and weak man, he was arreſted and thrown into gaol, and, in fine, compelled to the mortifying and ruinous alternative of ſelling this valuable eſtate called Drax-hall upon any terms that were impoſed on him, in order to obtain his perſonal liberty. The ſon and heir of Barnett, inheriting both his father's weakneſs and ſupineneſs, and being awed withal by the power of his adverſary, has ſuffered this bill, which has been filed ſixteen or ſeventeen years in Jamaica, to remain without ever proceeding on it, although there is not a ſhadow of doubt but that he would ſucceed in ſetting aſide a title that has been ſo ſurreptitiouſly obtained from his father.

The ſaid eſtate called Drax-hall contains about four thouſand acres of land, which has been patented in different parcels, in different names, and at different times, and the ſeveral patentees afterwards convey to Drax.—Shelton is a run of land that was patented by a perſon of that name; but, being comprehended in the four thouſand acres, called together Drax-hall eſtate, the name of Shelton has become almoſt obſolete; yet there are ſeveral of the old inhabitants of the neighbourhood who remember a part of Drax-hall eſtate to be called Shelton, and can now point out ſuch part, but it cannot be preciſely aſcertained for want of a knowledge of the boundaries. At the early period (ſeventy years ago) when a patent of this land was granted by the Crown to Shelton, the ſurveyors in Jamaica were ſo extremely ignorant that thoſe of latter times have had much trouble and difficulty in fixing of plats ſo as to aſcertain properties in that iſland, which will in ſome meaſure account for the impracticability of fixing any neighbouring plat ſo as to form a boundary of the ſaid land called Shelton; under which unfavourable circumſtances it has been generally imagined that a ſuit brought under the will of Drax, againſt the poſſeſſor, would be nugatory, as no writ of view, or writ of poſſeſſion, could be properly executed; this, however, is but a curſory opinion ſubject to yours.

The dwelling-houſe, which Drax deviſes in his will ſhould be converted into a charity-ſchool, is now ſtanding; this, and about two hundred acres of land adjoining, can be proved were always called Shelton. Beckford, the purchaſer from Barnet, died in England about ten years ago, and his ſon and heir has ſucceeded to the poſſeſſion of the eſtate called

called Drax-hall; application has been made to him to comply with the will of Drax, or at leaſt to pay the £. 3150 reſerv'd by his, young Beckford's, father, as before mentioned, but he will not do either.

QUERIES.

1. Who is authorized to ſtand forth and aſſert the claim of the pariſh under the will of Drax? The executors of Drax have been all long ſince dead; but by the will a power is veſted in the majority of the juſtices, which was to take place after the death of the executors. It may be contended by young Beckford, who will no doubt avail himſelf of every pretext, that the power devolved to the majority of the juſtices that were in being at the death of the executors; but ſurely neither law nor equity would admit of ſuch a limited conſtruction of the teſtator's meaning.

2. Can the juſtices, or the majority of them, or any of them, qualify under the will of Drax, for carrying into execution ſuch part of it as relates to the charity? If yea, would not a ſuit inſtituted under ſuch qualification, abate, or be ſubject to uncommon delay, by the death of any of ſuch qualified magiſtrates? or, could the ſurviving or ſucceſſive magiſtrates maintain and carry on ſuch ſuit?

3. If the magiſtrates of the pariſh, or any of them, ſhould, by qualifying under the will, or by any other means, commence a ſuit, would not the power of ſuch acting magiſtrates herein ceaſe with their office as magiſtrates? For there is not that permanency of office in Jamaica as in England, where if a man diſcharges the duties of his office he may retain his commiſſion for life, though he ſhould live an hundred years; but, in Jamaica, the magiſtrates are ſubject to the deſpotiſm and caprice of a Governor, who ſuſpends or depoſes them at his pleaſure, without giving any cauſe.

4. If the magiſtrates, or majority of them, be incompetent to proſecute the claim of the pariſh, would it not be adviſable to obtain an act of the Aſſembly of Jamaica to veſt a power in certain commiſſioners to proſecute a ſuit, and to aſſeſs a parochial tax to defray the expence thereof? It is a tax the inhabitants of the pariſh will moſt chearfully ſubmit to; nor would there be any impediment in the Aſſembly to ſuch act paſſing, from any queſtion of the hardſhip of it to the inhabitants; for they would, to a man, (except a very few who are within the pale of Beckford's power and influence) petition the Aſſembly to have ſuch act paſſed; or, without reſorting to this meaſure, might not the caſe be conſidered as an orphan's caſe without guardianſhip; and might not the Governor, therefore, who is alſo Chancellor, and of courſe the common Guardian, take cognizance of the claim, and appoint a guardian to proſecute under it?

5. Is the claim affected by any of the ſtatutes of mortmain? or, do the ſtatutes of mortmain extend to the plantations where the principle upon which theſe ſtatutes are made does not exiſt, namely, the power of the Clergy? Pleaſe to take notice, that the great prohibitory ſtatute of mortmain (the 9th of Geo. II.) was ſubſequent to Drax's death.

6. If any power is veſted, or can be veſted, in any perſon or perſons, to commence and carry on ſuch ſuit, can Shelton be recovered, being, as is before obſerved, indeſcribable by boundaries? Many of the old inhabitants can, however, point out two hundred acres of land, which was of public notoriety diſtinguiſhed and known by the name of

Shelton:

Shelton: If ſuch ſuit can be legally commenced, what mode would be moſt adviſable to adopt?

7. If the pariſh, for want of power, or it ſhould be found that none can be veſted by any of the means before mentioned, or from its incapacity to identify Shelton, or from any other cauſe, ſhould be forced to quit every other ground, and to claim under the compromiſe made between Barnett and Beckford, (as already ſet forth in this caſe) would it not be conſidered, that the reſervation by Beckford of part of the conſideration money, and its being allowed by Barnett, were a recognition of the right of the pariſh? and would not, therefore, the pariſh have its remedy againſt Beckford for the whole £. 6000 with intereſt? for, by the agreement, which is obviouſly colluſive and fraudulent, Beckford engages, for a ſum leſs than he acknowledged the pariſh had a right to, to exonerate Barnett, and therefore becomes himſelf oſtenſible and reſponſible.

8. If it is practicable to recover upon any of the foregoing claims, is it in the option of the pariſh to commence a ſuit either in England or in Jamaica? Drax was of Jamaica, but died in England—Peter Beckford, the executor, died in Jamaica—Beckford, the purchaſer, died in England—Barnett, the grantor to Beckford, died in England—Beckford, the preſent poſſeſſor, reſides in England—the eſtate charged is in Jamaica?

9 If it is in the option of the pariſh to commence a ſuit either in Jamaica or in England, would it not be adviſable to do it in England, as it is certain that any decree made in Jamaica againſt Beckford would be removed to England by appeal?

10. Should a ſuit be commenced on the compromiſe between Barnett and Beckford, muſt it not be where the cauſe of action aroſe, *i. e.* in England?

11. Should the pariſh proceed to the building of a church on the ſpot mentioned in Drax's will, could the pariſh recover the £. 500 bequeathed for that purpoſe? or, could the pariſh recover the ſaid £. 500 upon ſecurity to expend the ſame conſonant to the will of Drax? If yea, by what means muſt it be recovered?

12. The pariſh has, at its own expence, built a church ſince the death of Drax, but not on the ſpot mentioned in his will; could not the pariſh, however, get an act of Aſſembly for laying out the ſaid ſum of £. 500 in enlarging the charity, or for other charitable uſes?

13. Should the claim of the pariſh reſt on the compromiſe between Barnett and Beckford, would it be affected by the ſtatute of limitations, ſuch compromiſe having been made upwards of twenty years?

14. If Beckford, the preſent poſſeſſor, could be brought into an agreement to give a ſum of money in lieu of the charitable donation, could the juſtices, without an act of Aſſembly, commute the claim by receiving a ſum of money and granting a releaſe of legacy? All or moſt of the inhabitants of the pariſh would ſign ſuch a releaſe.

Mr. MADDOCKS's Opinion.

"I am of opinion that the deviſe to the charity is good in law, and the performance of it may be compelled by the decree of the court of chancery in Jamaica, upon an information filed in the name of the Attorney-General of the iſland, at the relation of any one or more of

of the inhabitants of the pariſh of St Ann, on behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the inhabitants of the pariſh, filed againſt Beckford, the preſent poſſeſſor of the eſtate called Drax-hall, if the eſtate at Shelton, of which he is alſo the poſſeſſor, ſhould be inſufficient. The deviſe to the charity is good in law, becauſe ſuch a deviſe made in the year 1721 would be good in England, and there is no law in Jamaica (that I know of) to reſtrain alienations in mortmain beyond the old Engliſh laws againſt mortmain. The founding and endowing a ſchool is one of the charitable uſes in the ſtatute of charitable uſes of the 43d of Queen Elizabeth, which has operated as an exception out of the ſtatutes againſt mortmain of all the uſes ſpecified in that ſtatute; ſo that the deviſe is lawful, and equity will compel the execution of the uſe for the benefit of the ſchool. The will does not appoint any particular ſtipend for the uſe of the ſchool, but ſpecially directs what ſhall be done, and how the children ſhall be provided: The amount of the expence for the time paſt may be liquidated by computation, which, with the ſalaries that are named, will conſtitute the charge for the time paſt, and I think the court of chancery will not only eſtabliſh the charity for the time to come, but aſcertain what has accrued to the charity during the preſent Mr. Beckford's poſſeſſion, of which the charity has been defrauded, and will compel him to pay it out of the profits of the eſtate. The court would compel the executors of the late Beckford to anſwer the like out of his aſſets from the time of his purchaſe to his death, if his executor be made a defendant to the ſuit. The information ſhould pray an eſtabliſhment of the charity, and a computation of what is due from the eſtate to the charity for the time paſt from Beckford's purchaſe, and that the amount may be anſwered by the preſent Beckford, and by the executor of the late Beckford out of his aſſets, and that a ſcheme may be approved of by the court for carrying the charity into execution. I think the court would apply the ſum to be anſwered by Beckford in augmentation of the charity, which ſhould alſo be prayed by the information. I think the £. 500 for the church cannot be demanded, as the church has been built in a different place, and until one ſhall be erected in the place deſcribed by the will it cannot; but if the teſtator's deſign ſhould ever be executed, the £. 500 may then be demanded.

Lincoln's-Inn, June 5, 1784. JOHN MADDOCKS."

The SCHEDULE C, to which the annexed REPORT refers.

COMPUTATION of ARREARS due from DRAX-HALL ESTATE to the PARISH of ST. ANN, in 1791.

It would take, one year with another, to maintain and clothe eight boys and four girls, in the manner directed by the will, 40*l.* currency each,	£. 480
School-maſter's ſalary, - - - - - -	40
Houſe-keeper's ſalary, - - - - - - -	20
Doctor, - - - - - - - -	12
Hire of two negro women ſlaves, as ordered by the will, 10*l.* each, -	20
Annual expence of maintaining ſchool-maſter, - - -	45
Annual expence of maintaining houſe-keeper, - - -	45
Annual expence of maintaining two negro women, at 8*l.* - -	16
Annual expence of maintaining a doctor occaſionally, - -	10
Bedding, ſheets, and other neceſſaries, - - - -	12
Annual expence, -	£. 700

Charles Drax died in 1721, from which to the preſent time is 70 years, the above annual ſum of 700*l.* being therefore multiplied by the number of years, ſay 70, the product will be - - - - - £ 49000

Suppoſing no boy to be apprenticed till four years after Drax's death, and that, inſtead of eight, only two each year are apprenticed, at 50*l.* for each apprentice fee would be 100*l.* per annum for 66 years, - - - 6600

Suppoſing one girl to be apprenticed, beginning four years after Mr. Drax's death, at 30*l.* for 66 years, - - - - - - - 1980

Suppoſing that in eleven years after Mr. Drax's death (to wit, four years for ſchooling, and ſeven for learning a trade) the apprentice boys begin to ſerve out their times, they are then ordered by the will to have 5*l.* each for tools, in 59 years, two boys being apprenticed each year, the number would be 118 at 5*l* each, - - - - £ 590

Leſs one-third for ſuch as may die during apprenticeſhip or run away, 197

393

£ 57973

By the foregoing moderate computation there is due in the preſent year 1791 for arrears only, without any charge of intereſt, 57973*l.* but, if intereſt is allowed, the amount will be as follows:

SECOND COMPUTATION, with ſimple intereſt only, at 6 per cent though at Mr. Drax's death intereſt was 10 per cent, and afterwards was reduced to 4 per cent.

Simple intereſt on the firſt annual expence within, ſay 700*l.* per annum, commencing one year after Mr. Drax's death 1722 to 1791 is 69 years, amounts to £. 82055

Simple intereſt on 8973*l.* being the amount of the three laſt articles in the above computation, would be about - - - - - 15000

Intereſt money at 6 per cent, - - - - - - £. 97055

Amount of arrears from the above computation, - - - 57973

£. 155028

Total amount of arrears and intereſt in 1791, is 155028*l.*

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr Fullerton, and Mr. Bolt, be a committee to bring in a bill to enable the juſtices and veſtry of the pariſh of St. Ann, to levy a tax on the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, for the purpoſe of proſecuting the rights of the ſaid pariſh to certain charitable donations.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to enable the juſtices and veſtries of the pariſhes of this iſland, to lay a tax on the inhabitants for the ſupport of free-ſchools for the education of the poor white children of ſuch pariſhes, and alſo of the children of the people of colour,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Whitehorne, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati 12° Die Novembris, 1791.

MR Zachary Bayly Edwards, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;" which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Tueſday morning next.

Ordered, That the Receiver-General do pay the fees on the act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds, and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh," paſſed this preſent ſeſſion of Aſſembly, the ſame being a private bill, and this Houſe will make good the expence thereof.

A meſſage from his Excellency, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Excellency to lay before the Houſe a letter received from Admiral Affleck, expreſſing his readineſs to comply with the wiſhes of the Aſſembly, and to do every thing in his power for the ſafety and welfare of the iſland."

"*DEAR*

" *DEAR SIR,* *Admiral's Pen, Nov.* 10, 1791.

" BE pleaſed to acquaint his Excellency that I ſhall with the greateſt readineſs comply with the requiſition of the Houſe of Aſſembly, which is ſo conſonant to my own opinion that I have already planned my diſpoſitions in the following manner, which I meant to have communicated to his Lordſhip, if I had had the good fortune to have met with him yeſterday: I ſhall ſtation the Blonde at St. Ann's,—the Diana at Lucea,—the Brune at Port-Morant,—the Hound at Port-Antonio,—the Serpent at Martha-Brae,—where they ſhall remain the time required.

" His Excellency may aſſure the Houſe of Aſſembly that they will ever find me diſpoſed to take every ſtep tending to the ſafety and benefit of this iſland, and that it is a flattering circumſtance to me to receive the ſtamp of their approbation in the recommendation of a meaſure I meant to adopt.

" I have the honour to be,

" *SIR,*

" Your moſt obedient ſervant,

G SMITHWAITE, *Eſq.*
Secretary to his Ex. the Gov.

"P. AFFLECK"

Ordered, That the above meſſage, and letter therewith ſent, do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe on the bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. M'Lean took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr M'Lean, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where, the firſt amendment being again read,

And a motion being made that the report be amended by inſerting, " Provided always, that nothing herein before contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to prevent the rents, iſſues, profits, and produce, of any mortgaged premiſes, whilſt the ſame are in the hands of the mortgagee in poſſeſſion, from being liable to be attached under this preſent act by the creditor of ſuch mortgagee in poſſeſſion; but that the above exception of mortgages only excepted ſhall be conſtrued to extend to the pledge only, and not to the rents and profits of ſuch pledge,"

The Houſe divided.

The noes went forth.

Ayes 8.—Mr Cockburn, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Redwood, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. M'Lean.

Noes,

Noes, 20—Mr. Shirley, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Grant, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr Barton; Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Murphy.

It paſſed in the negative.

Then ſeveral other amendments made to the ſaid bill, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment."

Then the Houſe adjourned till Tueſday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Martis 15° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered. That the following meſſages be ſent to the Council.

(FIRST MESSAGE.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS.*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that, there being a bill before the Houſe for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, they deſire you will ap-

point a committee of your Board to join a committee of the Houſe in a free conference for the appointment of ſuch Agent; and, if your Honours agree thereto, you will be pleaſed to appoint your number, time, and place."

(Second Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have appointed Mr Whitehorne and Mr. Shirley, or either of them, a committee to inſpect the journals of your Board."

Ordered, That Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards and Mr. Redwood be a committee to carry the above meſſages and bill, as alſo the engroſſed bills of Thurſday and Friday laſt, to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted," was read a ſecond time

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to entitle Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, free quadroons, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, wasread a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to entitle Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, free quadroons, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions."

Mr. William Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Delpratt, informing him of his having been obliged to leave the iſland in conſequence of his indiſpoſition, and requeſting leave of abſence for twelve months.

Ordered, That he have leave of abſence accordingly.

A meſſage

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they have appointed the honourable Mr Beckford and Mr. Luttrell, or either of them, to be a committee to inſpect the minutes of the Houſe."

Ordered, That the ſaid committee have acceſs as often as they think neceſſary.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Vale was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners are convinced the proviſion in the late conſolidated highway-law will prove very inadequate to the purpoſe of keeping in repair the different roads in this pariſh, the river road alone requiring a greater ſum than what the law authorizes to be raiſed for the whole:

" That this road, excluſive of the common repairs neceſſary every year, is ſubject, on every material increaſe of water in the river, to be greatly injured, inſomuch that, at different periods ſince the year 1780, it has been impaſſable for a conſiderable time together, and is now in a very bad condition and rendered but barely paſſable by much labour and heavy expence:

" That it is a road of much importance to the community at large, from its being the communication between the north and ſouth ſides of the iſland:

" That the petitioners have, at a very conſiderable expence and great labour, kept in repair the ſaid road, and are alſo under the neceſſity of contributing to the repairs of the ſeveral other roads herein after mentioned, *viz.* one road over Guy's Hill, another through Riomagno, and a third by Williamsfield, all leading to St. Mary's, part of the great road leading to St. Ann's, two roads to St. John's, and one to St. Andrew's; beſides roads of private communication:

" That, by a law paſſed in or about the year 1750, this pariſh is alſo obliged to keep in repair part of the road (being upwards of ſix miles in length, and including the bridge and that part of the road moſt liable to be injured by floods) which is actually in the pariſh of St. Catherine, ſuch law not having, as the petitioners are adviſed, been repealed by the highway law:

" That the repairs of the bridge will this year amount to £. 1500 and upwards; an expence equal to more than four ſhillings on each ſlave in the pariſh:

" That the petitioners are in the habit of contributing greatly to the receipts of the toll on the Kingſton road, inaſmuch as a great part of the produce made in this pariſh, is carried through that toll:

" That the petitioners have been informed, and verily believe, that one half of the money received at ſuch toll is more than adequate to the purpoſes of keeping in repair that road:

" The

" The petitioners, therefore, ſubmit to the Houſe, that, the roads through this pariſh being an object of general importance, and uſed by all other perſons, except the petitioners, without any expence, the petitioners having been denied a toll by the Houſe, that they are well entitled to ſome conſideration, and humbly ſolicit the interference of the Houſe in appropriating ſome part of the monies ariſing from the Kingſton toll towards keeping in repair the river road in this pariſh, or for ſuch other relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet."

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, " An act for adding commiſſioners to thoſe already made a body corporate in and by a certain act, entitled, ' An act for making certain commiſſioners nominated and appointed in and by an act, entitled, ' An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned,' a body politic and corporate, and to enable them to raiſe a certain ſum of money upon the toll in the ſaid act mentioned, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' and to enable the ſaid corporation to borrow a further ſum of money not exceeding £. 5000, for the purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; and to enable the ſaid corporation to purchaſe land, not exceeding one acre, and to build a toll-houſe thereon," and for adding commiſſioners to the ſaid act,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Rennalls, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

A petition of William Walker, Deputy Regiſter of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, and Clerk of the Arraigns, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioner, as Deputy Regiſter of the ſaid Court and Clerk of the Arraigns, in the month of October laſt, did by and under the directions of his Majeſty's Advocate-General, commence and carry on a proſecution againſt Joſeph Vidie, alias Vignie, alias Vigoi, and another, for crimes and offences ſaid to have been by them committed on the high ſea:

" That in the ſchedule hereunto annexed, marked A, the petitioner hath ſtated and ſet forth a true account of the buſineſs by him done in the courſe of the aforeſaid proſecution, and hath therein charged the uſual and cuſtomary fees of office for the ſame, amounting in the whole to the ſum of £. 128 : 5 : 7½ current money of Jamaica, including Mr. Advocate-General's fee, and ſeveral ſums paid by his direction:

" That the petitioner hath not received payment of any part of the ſaid ſum of money:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 1.) for the ſchedule referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the above petition and account be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

Mr.

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that, agreeably to their meſſage of this day, they have appointed a committee of five of their Board, to join a committee of the Houſe in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber."

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Blake, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Rodon, Mr Lewis, Mr. Barton, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Cockburn, be a committee to manage the ſaid free conference.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for laying a duty on ſugar exported from this iſland, and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes,—

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 12.—Mr. Bolt, Mr. Campbell, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Wallen, Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Redwood, and Mr Rodon.

Noes, 19.—Mr. Barrett, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Batty, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Richards, Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Barton, M. Grant, Mr. Blake Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Fuller, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. M'Lean, and Mr. Vanheelen.

So it paſſed in the negative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Mercurii 16° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill to entitle Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of

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the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, free quadroons, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia," was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" for altering the mode of trial of ſuch maroons, and for giving them further ſecurity and protection; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, from the committee appointed to meet a committee of the Council in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, reported, that the joint committee have accordingly met, and are unanimouſly of opinion that Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, ſhould be re-appointed Agent for this iſland.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

A memorial of the honourable William Henry Ricketts, Eſquire, one of his Majeſty's Privy Council of this iſland, and late Major Commandant of the Prince of Wales's corps of free mulattoes, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"That, in the year 1779, when the iſland of Jamaica was threatened with invaſion, the memorialiſt received orders from Sir John Dalling, then Governor of Jamaica, to raiſe a battalion of free mulattoes for the internal defence of the iſland:

"That the memorialiſt did, at a heavy expence and trouble, raiſe a conſiderable number of people, many of whom went on the unfortunate expedition to St. Juans, where they periſhed by the inclemency of the climate; and this corps was afterwards diſbanded without any recompence being made to the memorialiſt:

"That, in the year 1782, when the iſland of Jamaica was again threatened with invaſion, the memorialiſt received orders from Sir Archibald Campbell, then Governor of Jamaica, to raiſe a corps of free mulattoes for the defence of the iſland, which was recommended by the Houſe of Aſſembly:

"That

" That the memorialiſt, in conſequence of ſuch recommendation, received his Majeſty's orders through Sir Archibald Campbell to raiſe ſuch corps, and did, at a heavy expence and much trouble, raiſe, in this iſland and on the continent of America, ſix companies of free people of colour, who did duty at Black River, St. Ann's Bay, and Rock-Fort, in this iſland, until orders were received, in conſequence of the peace, to diſband this corps, which, after drafting a ſufficient number as pioneers into the regiments then ſerving in this iſland, was immediately carried into execution, without making the memorialiſt any recompence for his ſervices, either of rank or half pay:

" That the alarming ſituation of the inhabitants of St. Domingo has induced the memorialiſt to ſtep forward at this critical juncture, and to offer his ſervices for providing for the internal defence of this country, by raiſing a battalion of free mulattoes for the permanent ſafety and protection of the iſland:

" That a battalion compoſed of ſuch men, armed and appointed as light infantry, inured by nature to this climate, and having the moſt intimate knowledge of the woods and defiles of this country, being duly diſciplined, would be the fitteſt body to quell inteſtine troubles and the inſurrection of ſlaves:

" That the memorialiſt propoſes that the battalion above mentioned ſhould be raiſed agreeable to the propoſal annexed, and armed, clothed, and ſubſiſted, by his Majeſty in the ſame manner as the provincial corps in the late war:

" The memorialiſt, therefore, humbly prays this Houſe to take the ſaid propoſal into their conſideration; and, ſhould the ſame meet with their approbation he hopes this Houſe will be pleaſed to give the meaſure their countenance, by recommending the ſame in ſuch manner to his Excellency the Governor as may induce his Excellency to give it due weight with his Majeſty."

PROPOSALS for raiſing a BATTALION of FREE MULATTOES for the internal defence of the iſland of JAMAICA

1. The battalion to conſiſt of one lieutenant-colonel commandant, one major, ſix captains, one captain-lieutenant and captain, eight lieutenants, eight enſigns, one chaplain, one adjutant, one quarter-maſter, one ſurgeon, two mates, four hundred non-commiſſioned officers and privates, *viz.*

Sergeant-major,	1
Sergeants,	24
Corporals,	24
Drummers,	16
Privates,	335
	400

2. The battalion to be raiſed as follows:

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By the major, - - - - -	30
By ſix captains, 25 each, - - - -	150
By the captain-lieutenant, - - - -	20
By eight lieutenants, 15 each, - - -	120
By eight enſigns, 10 each, - - - -	80
	400

3. Blank commiſſions to iſſue from the war-office to be filled up by the commander in chief. The regiment to be upon the Britiſh eſtabliſhment, and to be raiſed, maintained, and clothed, at the expence of Government. The officers to have Britiſh rank, and half pay in caſe of reduction. The regiment to be numbered, or otherwiſe diſtinguiſhed, as his Majeſty may think fit; and to be clothed and armed as light infantry.

4. The men to be enliſted for five years. A bounty of three guineas per man to be allowed;—out of which they are to be provided with two ſhirts, two pairs of Ruſſia duck trowſers, a havreſack of Oznaburgh, and two pairs of ſhoes.

It is propoſed to obtain as many gentlemen from the army upon half pay as can be procured, who may be able to raiſe their quota of men.

As this corps is raiſed ſolely with a view to the internal defence of the iſland, it is propoſed, in order to effect that intention and to encourage men to enliſt, that this corps be not, on any account, detached from the iſland or drafted into any other regiment.

In caſe it ſhould be thought neceſſary to raiſe more than one battalion, it is ſubmitted, that it will be found expedient, in order to prevent an oppoſition of intereſts, (which may be fatal to both battalions) that this battalion be raiſed and completed previous to orders being given for raiſing another; and ſhould it be thought neceſſary to add one or two troops of cavalry, they may be raiſed and mounted at an eaſy expence in this iſland, and, by conſtant patroling, in a ſimilar manner to the Marechauſe in France, two or four occaſionally, on the public and croſs roads, they may prove the moſt effectual and ready protective force in caſe of a ſudden diſturbance from ill-deſigning vagrants travelling on the highway from plantation to plantation.

Ordered, That the above memorial and propoſals be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do write to the ſeveral Cuſtodes or ſenior Magiſtrates in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland, recommending to them to cauſe all the cannon which are lying on the bays and ſhipping places as well as the internal places of their reſpective pariſhes to be forthwith removed to places of ſafety, or be ſpiked up, and that this Houſe will make good the expence thereof.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported three resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again severally read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the House, and are as follow:

"1. THAT it be recommended to the House to send a message to his Excellency, requesting he will be pleased to concert measures with Admiral Affleck, in order to increase the military force on board the ships that are to be stationed at the different ports of this island during the approaching holidays.

"2. That it be recommended to the House to direct the Receiver-General forthwith to remit to the Agent of this island the sum of £ 3000 sterling, towards defraying the expence of purchasing arms, and that this House will make good the expence thereof.

"3. That it be recommended to the House to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of £. 50 to the order of John Harris, Esquire, Captain commanding Fort-George, at Port Antonio, in full for lodging money for the present year, as by his petition to the House this session.

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the House that the committee had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House to enquire into, and take further into consideration, the state of the island.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the House, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Jovis, 17° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. COMPLAINT being made to this House that a body of the Kingston militia, and other persons, having been assembled, with intention to commit

acts of violence on the perſon or effects of Henry Shirley, Eſquire, a member of this Houſe; and Mr Cockburn having, in his place declared, that he had been this morning informed by many perſons in Kingſton that it was generally reported and believed that William Bolt, Eſquire, a member of this Houſe, had aſſerted that the ſaid Henry Shirley had propoſed certain meaſures in this Houſe, which was the cauſe of their intended acts of hoſtility towards him,

It was moved,

That the ſaid Mr. Bolt may be aſked in his place, whether he, the ſaid Mr. Bolt, did or did not report that a member of this Houſe had introduced a clauſe for inflicting corporal puniſhment on the militia of this iſland for neglect of duty,

And, being aſked by Mr. Speaker accordingly,

Mr. Bolt anſwered that he did not.

Reſolved, *nem. con.* That it appears to this Houſe that the report which has been induſtriouſly propagated in the town of Kingſton, that Henry Shirley, Eſquire, a member of this Houſe, had introduced a clauſe into a bill before this Houſe tending to inflict corporal puniſhment on the militia of this iſland for neglect of duty, whereby certain perſons have been induced to meditate injury towards the perſon or effects of the ſaid Henry Shirley, is falſe, ſcandalous, and malicious; deſtructive of the peace of the community, of moſt dangerous example (at this juncture eſpecially), and in high violation of the privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the above complaint, together with the reſolution of this Houſe thereon, be printed in the Royal Gazette and Daily Advertiſer for two weeks.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Excellency:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Excellency, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to concert meaſures with Admiral Affleck, in order to increaſe the military force on board the ſhips that are to be ſtationed at the different ports of this iſland during the approaching holidays."

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have agreed to the report made by the chairman of their committee, appointed to join a committee of your Board in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent for the ſoliciting the paſſing of laws and other public affairs of this iſland in Great-Britain."

Ordered, That Mr Lewis and Mr Galbraith be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the above meſſage; as alſo to carry the meſſage and the engroſſed bill of yeſterday to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

Mr.

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they have agreed to the report made by the chairman of their committee, appointed to join a committee of the Houſe in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent in Great-Britain for the ſoliciting of the paſſing of laws, and other public affairs of this iſland."

The bill for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting other public affairs of this iſland; and for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, " An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" for altering the mode of trial of ſuch maroons, and for giving them further ſecurity and protection; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, tomorrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they have agreed to the bill, entitled, " An act to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions," with the following amendment:

" In the 8th line from the top of the 2d ſheet, after the word " *veſtrymen*," inſert the following words, " *or of voting at any election whatſoever.*"

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the amendment propoſed by the Council to the ſaid bill.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted."

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr.

Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill and had made one amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read by the Clerk, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendment, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;' and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland."

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Veneris 18° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;" and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſages be ſent to the Council:

(FIRST MESSAGE.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they deſire you will ſend down the names of ſuch members of your Board as you will have named commiſſioners in the bill for appointing an Agent for ſoliciting the paſſing of laws, and other public affairs of this iſland in Great-Britain.

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(SECOND MESSAGE.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"'WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have agreed to the amendments propoſed by your Honours to the bill, entitled, 'An act to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions,' and have amended the bill accordingly."

Ordered, That Mr. Rodon and Mr. Barrett be a committee to carry the above meſſages and bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they have appointed the honourable Thomas Iredell, Thomas Wallen, Nathaniel Beckford, William Henry Ricketts, Temple Luttrell, George Crawford Ricketts, and John Scott, Eſquires, to be named commiſſioners in the agency bill."

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Juſtice and Mr. Thompſon have leave of abſence for to-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati 19° Die Novembris, 1791.

RESOLVED, *nem. con.* in order to teſtify the grateful reſpect which this Houſe entertain of his late Excellency's merit and virtues, his firm and independent conduct,

and the ſenſe they have of the great and univerſal ſatisfaction which his mild and equitable adminiſtration, in every department, gave to all ranks of people, and the regret which they feel at his loſs, that the funeral of the late Earl of Effingham be conducted at the public expence.

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe do attend as mourners.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Blake, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. Redwood, or any four of them, be a committee to conduct the funeral of the late Earl of Effingham in the moſt honourable manner; the expence of which this Houſe will make good.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have appointed a committee to conduct the funeral of the late Earl of Effingham in the moſt honourable manner, and deſire to know whether your Honours will pleaſe to join therein."

Ordered, That Mr. Blake and Mr. Redwood be a committee to carry the above meſſage to the Council; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That the reverend Thomas Warren, Chaplain to the Houſe, do preach a ſermon at the funeral of the late Earl of Effingham, on Tueſday next.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that, agreeable to their meſſage of this day, they have appointed three of their Board to join a committee of the Houſe to conduct the funeral of his late Excellency in the moſt honourable manner."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported one reſolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read by the Clerk, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

"THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a ſecret committee of ſafety:

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne, Mr Shirley Mr. M'Lean, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr Vanheelen, be a committee for that purpoſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

And

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, on Tueſday morning next, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe on the bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" for altering the mode of trial of ſuch maroons, and for giving them further ſecurity and protection.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Campbell took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes."

Then the Houſe adjourned till Tueſday morning next, eight of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Martis 22° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE Houſe met.

And

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the House, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

END OF THE THIRD SESSION.

VOTES.

VOTES
OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

Mercurii 23° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE Aſſembly being met, according to proclamation, Mr Whitehorne and Mr. Galbraith waited on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquainted him therewith.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Provoſt Marſhal, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this honourable Houſe, immediately, in the Council-Chamber.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe went up; and being returned,

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by the Clerk of the Council, who brought down the writ of election for the pariſh of St Thomas in the Eaſt, which, with the Provoſt-Marſhal's return thereto, being read, it appeared, that George Scott, Eſquire, of Hordley, was returned a repreſentative for the ſaid pariſh, in the room of Sir Thomas Champneys, Baronet, expelled the Houſe.

And the ſaid George Scott, Eſquire, attending, took the uſual oaths, and his ſeat accordingly.

Ordered, That the rules agreed to on the firſt day of the laſt ſeſſion be the ſtanding rules of the Houſe during the preſent ſeſſion.

Mr. Speaker reported that the Houſe having attended his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the Council-Chamber, his Honour was pleaſed to make a ſpeech, of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had, to prevent miſtakes, obtained a copy; and the ſame, being read by the Clerk, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

"*GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

"THE recent melancholy event in the death of his late Excellency the Earl of Effingham having placed the reins of Government in my hands, I take the earlieſt opportunity of meeting you, and to aſſure you that my time ſhall be devoted to ſupport the honour and dignity of his Majeſty's Crown, and the rights, ſafety, and proſperity, of this iſland.

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

"HIS late Excellency the Earl of Effingham having fully explained to you, in his ſpeech on the opening of the laſt ſeſſion, what might be neceſſary for your conſideration, I have nothing at preſent to trouble you with.

"*GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

"NOTWITHSTANDING the accounts from the iſland of Hiſpaniola are more favourable than at the commencement of the laſt ſeſſion, and promiſe a ſpeedy re eſtabliſhment of peace and ſubordination, I cannot but recommend to your attention to continue to put the militia, and iſland in general, on that reſpectable footing, which, at all times, will be a ſure protection againſt foreign or domeſtic foes."

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Ordered, That Mr Chief Juſtice, Mr. Whitehorne, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That his Honour's ſpeech be referred to the ſaid committee.

Ordered, That all ſtanding committees be revived.

Ordered, That the Committees to whom petitions and accounts were referred by the Houſe the laſt ſeſſion do proceed in the examination and ſettlement of the ſame, and make their report to the Houſe forthwith.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for granting an additional ſalary to his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, during his adminiſtration.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Rodon, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldané, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the Government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, and Mr Rodon, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh,

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Lewis, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St.Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh,

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Lewis, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Bourke and Mr. Fraſer do attend the Houſe, in their places, on Wedneſday next; and that the Clerk do write to them to that purpoſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Honour's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, from the committee, reported ſix reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the firſt reſolution, being again read by the Clerk, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

"1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia; for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" and alſo, to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts, which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Barrett, be a committee for that purpoſe.

The ſecond reſolution, being again read by the Clerk, is as follows:

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requeſting he will be pleaſed to adopt ſuch meaſures as he ſhall think proper for ſupplying the militia with arms, ammunition, and flints, in the moſt expeditious manner; and that he will alſo be pleaſed to call a council of war in due time to conſider of the propriety of laying on martial law during the Chriſtmas holidays."

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the Houſe do agree to the report,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then the ſeveral other reſolutions, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

"3. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Ordered. That Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Fullerton, and Mr. Galbraith, be a committee for that purpoſe.

"4. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee for that purpoſe.

"5. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections."

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Vanheelen, and Mr. Redwood, be a committee for that purpoſe.

"6. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Ordered, That Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee for that purpoſe.

And

And then Mr. Chief Juſtice acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to take into conſideration his Honour's ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion.

A motion being made, and the queſtion put, that a committee be appointed to enquire into and report the propriety of all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into, and reporting the preſent ſtate of, all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Barrett, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr Tharp, Mr William Mitchell, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Thompſon, Mr Cockburn, Mr. Wallen, Mr. and Scott of Hordley, be a committee for that purpoſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons and papers, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they deſire a free conference with the Houſe, to conſider of a congratulatory addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the public faith and confidence aſſured to this iſland by a vote of the Houſe of Commons in the laſt ſeſſion, upon a propoſal to aboliſh the Britiſh ſlave-trade in Africa: To declare our ſentiments on the conduct of certain perſons now aſſociated in London, and other cities of Great-Britain, for the avowed purpoſe of re-agitating in Parliament the ſame raſh and dangerous queſtion: And further to ſignify to his Honour our very anxious hopes of an additional protecting force from Europe with the utmoſt poſſible diſpatch in the preſent critical exigency."

And then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 24° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

" We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to adopt ſuch meaſures as you ſhall think proper for ſupplying the militia with arms, ammunition, and flints, in the moſt expeditious manner; and that your Honour will alſo be pleaſed to call a council of war in due time to conſider of the propriety of laying on martial law during the Chriſtmas holidays.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

" We are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they agree to a free conference, propoſed by your Honours, on the ſubject matter of your meſſage of yeſterday, and deſire that you will pleaſe to appoint your number, time, and place."

Ordered, That Mr Scott of Lenox and Mr. Scott of Hordley be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage, as alſo to deliver the meſſage to the Council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof; and that in anſwer to the meſſage to his Honour, he was pleaſed to ſay, he would comply with the requeſt of the Houſe as ſoon as poſſible.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, from the committee appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read by the Clerk,

Ordered, That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed.

Mr. William Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for granting an additional ſalary to his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, during his adminiſtration; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. William Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the Government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Whitehorne, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Eſſingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered that the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr Whitehorne, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of his Excellency Thomas Earl of Eſſingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. William Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia; for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" and alſo, to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia; which was received and read a firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr Kemeys, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Tharp, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Lewis, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee appointed to enquire what laws are expired or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived or continued, reported,

"THAT the ſeveral laws following are either expired, or near expiring, and, in the opinion of the committee, are proper to be revived or continued:

"An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, 'An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof,' and to enable the receiver general to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain reſtrictions."

Ordered, That Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Anderſon, be a committee to prepare and bing in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war"

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Richards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time."

Ordered, That Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Barton, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, aud for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management."

Ordered, That Mr Chief Juſtice, Mr. Whitehorne, and Mr. Lewis, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland."

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Scott of Hordley, and Mr. Scott of Lenox, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes."

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr William Mitchell, and Mr. Blake, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment."

Ordered, That Mr Whitehorne, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. M'Lean, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, " An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Rodon, Mr. Galbraith, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds for the better ſecurity of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland."

Ordered, That Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

" An act to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary."

NOTE.—The committee obſerve that this laſt is a private bill.

Ordered, That Mr Campbell, Mr. Rennalls, and Mr. Richards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral maroon towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further ſecurity and protection, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes.

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cockburn, and Mr. Rodon, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to enable the juſtices and veſtry of the pariſh of St. Ann to levy a tax on the inhabitants of

the ſaid pariſh, for the purpoſe of proſecuting the rights of the ſaid pariſh to certain charitable donations.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Fullerton, and Mr. Bolt, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to enable the juſtices and veſtries of the pariſhes of this iſland to lay a tax on the inhabitants, for the ſupport of free ſchools for the education of the poor white children of ſuch pariſhes, and alſo of the children of the people of colour.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Whitehorne, be a comtee for that purpoſe.

A petition of the inhabitants of the pariſh of St. James was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners have been, from time to time, at great expence in building barracks and mounting ſuch cannon as they could get for the defence of the coaſt; and, whenever any part of his Majeſty's regular forces were permitted to remain amongſt them, put themſelves to great trouble and expence in providing for their accommodation:

" That, in conſequence of the calamities which have befallen this part of the iſland, and the ſudden removals of the troops, the batteries and barracks have been repeatedly deſtroyed; and the petitioners find the ſo frequently repairing and rebuilding them attended with more expence than they are well able to bear; a grievance more intolerable to the petitioners, when they conſider how much they contribute to the general ſupport of Government and defence of the iſland:

" And praying that proper fortifications for the protection of Montego-Bay be erected, and be put on the eſtabliſhment of the iſland, and ſupported at the general expence."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A petition of ſundry freeholders and inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Ann, on behalf of themſelves and others, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners, for ſome years paſt, at a great expence to the pariſh in large allotments, have endeavoured to eſtabliſh a general or principal road of communication from St. Ann's Bay to Spaniſh-Town, which will be of the utmoſt public utility when accompliſhed, branching off from the preſent road, to the north of Mr Brownrigg's pen, diagonally croſs the country in a north-weſt direction to St. Ann's Bay, through Creſcent, Green-Park, and Windfield, pens, and Drax-hall eſtate, which will ſhorten the diſtance near three miles, and make an excellent carriage-road:

" That about ſeven miles of this road conſtitutes part of that important new road leading through the interior parts of the country to Montego-Bay, ſo much encouraged of late ſeſſions by the Houſe:

" That

" That the waywardens and the petitioners find the parish allotments inadequate or insufficient to finish said road a sufficient breadth for carriages, not having labour and means sufficient to hire wains to carry stones and gravel to the soft or boggy parts of said road, so as to render it permanent and a sufficient width for general utility:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition do lie on the table to be perused by the members.

A petition of James Walker, physician and surgeon of the county gaol of Surry, was presented to the House and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner was, by virtue of a commission or warrant from his Excellency the right honourable the Earl of Effingham, bearing date the 17th day of December, 1790, appointed physician and surgeon to the said gaol; and the petitioner hath, since that time, diligently and carefully attended upon, and supplied and administered medicines to, the several sick prisoners therein, as well debtors as criminals and free people of all colours:

" That, by reason of the number of sick prisoners constantly in the said gaol, the petitioner hath, as well from motives of humanity as from an earnest desire to discharge his duty, been obliged to lay out considerable sums of money in purchasing necessary medicines for such sick prisoners, so that the sum of £. 100 currency, which the petitioner hath been informed was annually allowed to the surgeon only of the said gaol, the petitioner humbly submits to this House, is an inadequate and insufficient compensation to the petitioner for his necessary advances in purchasing medicines, and for such his care and attendance as aforesaid:

" That the petitioner hath hereunto annexed an account of the medicines by him administered hitherto to the sick of the said gaol as they were administered, with the original cost of the said medicines as they can be supplied here, at the foot of the said account, amounting in the whole to the sum of £.87 : 16 : 3 currency, as by the certificate thereunder written, signed by respectable professional men of the faculty in the town of Kingston, appears: And the petitioner hath also annexed a list or account of the number of sick prisoners he hath attended in the said gaol, by which it appears that the number of sick prisoners in the said gaol, which have, at different periods, been under his care from the time of such his appointment to the eighth instant, amounts to one hundred and eleven persons:

" That he humbly submits to the consideration of this House the propriety of appointing some fit person as nurse to the numerous sick which are from time to time in the said gaol:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX, (No. 2) for the accounts referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the said petition and accounts be referred to the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

A petition

A petition of Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, a free mulatto woman, on behalf of herſelf and of Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, Catherine Hermitt, and Ann Hermitt, free quadroons, the children of the ſaid Patience Hermitt, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner hath been baptiſed, educated, and inſtructed in the principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and in the Communion of the Church of England, as by law eſtabliſhed, and hath been decently brought up; and hath cauſed her ſaid ſeveral children to be baptized, and, as they arrived at a proper age, hath brought them up in the ſame principles, and given them ſuch an education as will enable them to earn their livelihood in an honeſt and induſtrious manner, and put them on a more reſpectable footing than people of colour are in general; but, from the unfortunate circumſtance of their births, they are ſubject and liable to the ſame pains and penalties with perſons of that complexion who have been brought up in ignorance and idleneſs:

"And praying that the Houſe will give leave for a bill to be brought in for granting to her and her ſaid children, and their iſſue, the like privileges as have heretofore been granted to perſons in the ſame circumſtances."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Rodon, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſurveyor of the public works do forthwith lay before the Houſe an account of the expenditure of the monies granted in the ſeſſion of 1790 for repairs and additions to the Admiral's pen.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER*,

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe the annexed memorial, and to recommend the propoſals therein contained to their ſerious conſideration: Should the Houſe be of opinion that it would be adviſable at this juncture to adopt the propoſition of the memorialiſt, his Honour will lay it before his Majeſty."

To his Honour ADAM WILLIAMSON, Eſquire, *Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majeſty's iſland of* Jamaica, *and the territories thereon depending in* America, *&c. &c.*

The MEMORIAL of the honourable WILLIAM HENRY RICKETTS, Eſquire, one of his Majeſty's Privy Council in the iſland of Jamaica, and late Major Commandant of the Prince of Wales's corps of free mulattoes.

"THAT, in the year 1779, when the iſland of Jamaica was threatened with invaſion, the memorialiſt received orders from Sir John Dalling, Baronet, then Governor of Jamaica, to raiſe a battalion of free mulattoes for the internal defence of this iſland.

"That

" That your memorialiſt did, at a heavy expence and trouble, raiſe a conſiderable number of people, many of whom went as volunteers on the unfortunate expedition at St. Juan's, where they periſhed from the inclemency of the climate; and this corps was afterwards diſbanded without any recompence made to your memorialiſt:

" That, in the year 1782, when the iſland of Jamaica was again threatened with invaſion, your memorialiſt received orders from Sir Archibald Campbell, then Governor of Jamaica, to raiſe a corps of free mulattoes for the defence of the iſland, which was recommended by the Houſe of Aſſembly:

" That your memorialiſt, in conſequence of his Majeſty's orders to Sir Archibald Campbell, did, at a heavy expence and much trouble, raiſe, in this iſland and on the continent of America, ſix companies of free people of colour, who did duty at Black River, St Ann's Bay, and Rock-Fort, in this iſland, until orders were received, in conſequence of the peace, to diſband ſuch corps, which, after drafting a ſufficient number as pioneers into the regiments then on ſervice in this iſland, was immediately carried into execution, without making your memorialiſt any recompence for his ſervices, either of rank or half pay:

" Your memorialiſt preſumes that the alarming ſituation of the inhabitants of St. Domingo makes it neceſſary at this critical juncture, to provide for the internal defence of this country, and as the mulattoes are natives of this iſland, accuſtomed to traverſe the woods, and well adapted for ſervice in this climate, and, when once eſtabliſhed, may be recruited at a ſmall expence, and prove a great ſaving to Government, your memorialiſt conceives a battalion of ſuch people, armed and appointed as light infantry, would be of infinite ſervice in caſe of internal commotion: Your memorialiſt, therefore, ſubmits a plan, the outlines of which are annexed, for raiſing ſuch a battalion to your Honour's conſideration.

W. H. RICKETTS, *late Major Commandant of the Prince of Wales's corps of free mulattoes.*

PROPOSALS for raiſing a BATTALION of FREE MULATTOES for the internal defence of the iſland of JAMAICA.

1. The battalion to conſiſt of one lieutenant-colonel commandant, one major, ſix captains, one captain-lieutenant and captain, eight lieutenants, eight enſigns, one chaplain, one adjutant, one quarter-maſter, one ſurgeon, two mates, four hundred non-commiſſioned officers and privates, *viz.*

Sergeant-major, - - - - - -	1
Sergeants - - - - - - -	24
Corporals, - - - - - - -	24
Drummers, - - - - - -	16
Privates, - - - - - -	335
	400

2. The battalion to be raiſed as follows:

By the major, - - - - -	30
By ſix captains, 25 each, - - - -	150
By the captain-lieutenant, - - -	20
By eight lieutenants, 15 each, - - -	120
By eight enſigns, 10 each, - - -	80
	400

3. Blank commiſſions to iſſue from the war-office to be filled up by the commander in chief. The regiment to be upon the Britiſh eſtabliſhment, and to be raiſed, maintained, and clothed, at the expence of government. The officers to have Britiſh rank, and half pay in caſe of reduction. The regiment to be numbered, or otherwiſe diſtinguiſhed, as his Majeſty may think fit; and to be clothed and armed as light infantry.

4. The men to be enliſted for five years. A bounty of three guineas per man to be allowed;—out of which they are to be provided with two ſhirts, two pairs of Ruſſia duck trowſers, a havreſack of Oznaburgh, and two pairs of ſhoes.

It is propoſed to obtain as many gentlemen from the army as can be procured, who may be able to raiſe their quota of men.

As this corps is raiſed ſolely with a view to the internal defence of the iſland, it is propoſed, in order to effect that intention and to encourage men to enliſt, that this corps be not, on any account, detached from the iſland or drafted into any other regiment.

In caſe it ſhould be thought neceſſary to raiſe more than one battalion, it is ſubmitted, that it will be found expedient, in order to prevent an oppoſition of intereſts, (which may be fatal to both battalions) that this battalion be raiſed and completed previous to orders being given for raiſing another; and ſhould it be thought neceſſary to add one or two troops of light cavalry, they may be raiſed and mounted at an eaſy expence in this iſland, and, by conſtant patroling, in a ſimilar manner to the Marechauſſe in France, two or four occaſionally, on the public and croſs roads, they may prove the moſt effectual and ready protective force in caſe of a ſudden diſturbance from ill-deſigning vagrants travelling on the highway from plantation to plantation.

Ordered, That the above meſſage, and papers therewith ſent, be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER*,

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that, in conſequence of their meſſage of this day, they have appointed a committee of five of their Board to join a committee of the Houſe in a free conference on the ſubject-matter of the meſſage of the council yeſterday, to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council-chamber."

Ordered, That Mr. Blake, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Scott of Hordley,

Hordley, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Chief Juſtice, be a committee to manage the ſaid free conference.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will not receive any buſineſs of a private nature after Friday the ninth day of December next.

Ordered, That the above reſolution be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for two weeks.

And then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 25° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was read in the words following:

To his Honour ADAM WILLIAMSON, Eſquire, *Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majeſty's iſland of* Jamaica, *and the territories thereon depending in* America, *&c. &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

" WE, his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Aſſembly of Jamaica, beg leave to return your Honour our thanks for your ſpeech at the opening of this ſeſſion.

" Truly affected by the recent melancholy event of the death of our moſt excellent and upright Governor, the late Earl of Effingham, it affords us great conſolation that the reins of Government are placed in the hands of a gentleman whoſe time we are well convinced will be devoted to ſupport the honour and dignity of his Majeſty's Crown, and the rights, ſafety, and proſperity, of this iſland.

" His

" His late Excellency having made requiſitions to us, for the ſupport of Government, we were proceeding to raiſe the neceſſary ſupplies when interrupted by the unhappy event of his death; which proceedings we ſhall now forthwith chearfully reſume.

" We are happy that the accounts from Hiſpaniola promiſe a ſpeedy re-eſtabliſhment of peace and ſubordination, notwithſtanding which we will exert our beſt endeavours to put the militia on a reſpectable footing, it being, at all times, the moſt natural and ready means of protection within our reach againſt our foes foreign or domeſtic: In this, as in every other meaſure we may adopt for the welfare of the iſland, we flatter ourſelves we ſhall meet with your Honour's concurrence and approbation; and, be aſſured Sir, we will do all in our power to render your adminiſtration eaſy, honourable, and happy."

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

" We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour and to acquaint you, that, having an humble addreſs to preſent, they deſire to know when you will pleaſe to be attended."

Ordered, That Mr. Fraſer and Mr. Barrett be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage, who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, whenever the Houſe pleaſed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker went up with the Houſe, and, being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, they had attended his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and preſented their addreſs, to which his Honour was pleaſed to return an anſwer, of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid, to prevent miſtakes, he had obtained a copy, and the ſame, being read, is as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" ACCEPT my ſincereſt thanks for your very flattering addreſs, and reſt aſſured that I ſhall moſt cordially co-operate with you in every meaſure that tends to the honour, ſafety, and ſecurity, of the iſland."

The bill for granting an additional ſalary to his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, during his adminiſtration, was read the ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, this day, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the Government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being, was read the ſecond time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, this day, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, " An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, 'An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;' and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh."

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Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, 'An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;' and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh."

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia; for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" and alſo, to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, that the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Mr James Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr Shirley, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Cockburn, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the Government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof," and to enable the Receiver General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain reſtrictions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr Campbell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe, a bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Thompſon, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, aud for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr Whitehorne, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Rodon, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Fullerton, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Campbell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered that the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

Mr.

Mr. Whitehorne, from the committee of ſafety, reported,

" THAT the committee are of opinion, that, by altering the ſtation of the Hound ſloop of war, the windward pariſhes will ſtand in need of further protection:

" That, the committee being informed that the barracks at Oracabeſſa will, in a few days, at the moderate expence of £. 120, be in complete repair, and, in every reſpect, fit to receive a company of foot, they therefore recommend to the Houſe to make application to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for a company to be ſtationed there accordingly."

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

A petition of William Balfour, of the pariſh of Trelawny, Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT, ſometime in the year of our Lord 1785, George Morriſon, of the pariſh of Trelawny, Planter, patented, under the quit-rent act of this iſland, two ſeveral parcels of three hundred acres of land each, ſaid then to be ſituated in the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, in the county of Cornwall, and iſland aforeſaid, and formerly patented in the name of Richard Mitchell, ſince deceaſed, and the quit-rents for the ſaid land were, as is uſual, paid into the office of the Receiver-General ere ſuch patent could be obtained, as appears by the certificate hereunto annexed:

" That the petitioner, having become purchaſer thereof, did, ſome ſhort time thereafter, cauſe a re-ſurvey to be made of the ſaid two ſeveral parcels of land, whereupon the ſame were found to be within the lines of the pariſh of Trelawny; and thereupon the petitioner, on returning an account of his lands into the Receiver-General's office, returned the ſaid two parcels of land herein before mentioned as his property, and ſituated in the pariſh of Trelawny.

" That the petitioner holds no land whatever, nor ever was poſſeſſed of any other land patented by George Morriſon under the quit rent act, and ſaid to be ſituated in the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, ſave the two pieces or parcels of land above mentioned, and the quit-rents for which hath been paid up in manner aforeſaid:

" That, notwithſtanding ſuch payment and the certificate thereof hereunto annexed, the Receiver-General of this iſland, on iſſuing his quit-rent arrearage-roll to the pariſh of Trelawny, hath charged the petitioner with the quit-rents of the ſaid two pieces or parcels of land from the year of our Lord 1760, and, on the petitioner's ſituation being repreſented at his office, the petitioner was referred for relief in the premiſes to the commiſſioners of accounts:

" That, on repreſenting the petitioner's caſe to the commiſſioners of accounts, they have refuſed to grant the petitioner any relief in the premiſes, alledging the ſame muſt be ſubmitted to the conſideration of this Houſe:

" That the petitioner is poſſeſſed of a piece of land ſituated in the pariſh of Trelawny containing two roods and twenty-four perches, which, by miſtake, hath been returned into the Receiver-General's office as foot-land, but which in truth and in fact ſhould have been returned as acre land, as the petitioner ſubmits he can evidently make appear to the ſatisfaction of this Houſe:

" That,

"That, by ſuch miſtake in the return aforeſaid, the petitioner is charged to his Majeſty's revenue with the ſum of £. 21 : 15, as appears by the account hereunto annexed: Whereas in truth and in fact he ought only to be charged at the rate of one penny per acre from the year of our Lord 1760:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX [No. 3.) for the account referred to in the abovepetition.]

A petition of Margaret Mackenzie, relict of Alexander Cumming, late Captain of the Apoſtles Battery, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner's ſaid late huſband was, at time of his death, and for ſeveral years immediately preceding, captain or commander of the battery called the Apoſtles in the ſaid iſland, and, for his care and trouble in executing ſuch appointment, was allowed by the public the ſum of £. 100 currency per annum:

"That the ſaid Alexander Cumming departed this life, inteſtate, on the 7th day of June 1788, at which time there was due and owing to him, for ſalary, as aforeſaid, the ſum of £. 53 currency for ſix months and twelve days immediately preceding, *viz.* from the 25th of November 1787, which ſtill remains unpaid:

"That the petitioner was at the ſole expence of her ſaid late huſband's funeral, and has ſince diſcovered that his eſtate is quite inſolvent, and that her own private property has been thereby injured conſiderably, ſo that ſhe has been adviſed it would be imprudent to qualify as repreſentative of her ſaid huſband:

"And praying for relief."

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Margaret Mackenzie, late Margaret Cumming, the petitioner within named, and made oath on the Holy Evangeliſts of Almighty God, that the allegations in the within petition ſet forth are juſt and true to the beſt of her knowledge and belief.

MARGARET MACKENZIE.

Sworn this 24th day of November, 1791. } HENRY RENNALLS.

Ordered, That the above two petitions and account be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A petition of John Welch, Maſon, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner was directed by Edward Woollery, Eſquire, Surveyor of Public Works, to make a drain to the hoſpital of Spaniſh-Town barrack, and to make ſundry other repairs to the out-offices thereof, which he performed in a workman-like manner, as will more fully appear by the atteſtation of the maſter-builder at the foot of the account hereunto annexed:

" That there is due and owing to the petitioner a balance of £. 254 : 5, the ſum granted by this Houſe laſt ſeſſion being inſufficient, as will appear by the atteſted account hereunto annexed:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 4.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of John Welch, commanding Fort-Small, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioner was directed by his Excellency the Governor, as commanding officer aforeſaid, to place two negroes as watchmen to reſide at the ſaid battery, and that there is due and owing to the petitioner for the ſame the ſum of £. 80, as will more particularly appear by the atteſted account hereto annexed:

[Vide APPENDIX (No 5.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the above two petitions and accounts be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of the cuſtos, magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and other inhabitants, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners are convinced that the great road of communication from the ſouth ſide to the north ſide of the iſland, commonly called the Cheſterfield road, is of the moſt public utility, and that the new track, upon which the grant of this Houſe in the laſt ſeſſion of Aſſembly has been faithfully expended, is capable of being made a moſt excellent eaſy carriage road:

" That the petitioners beg leave to repreſent, that, in aid to the liberal grant of the Houſe, the veſtry of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth has given £. 500, and the private ſubſcriptions of individuals amount to £ 1000 more, but theſe ſums, large as they appear, have been found inadequate to this laborious undertaking, many unforeſeen difficulties having ariſen in endeavouring to avoid the many ſteep hills over which the old road is laid to enhance the expence:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

A petition of the cuſtos, magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and other inhabitants, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the bridge acroſs Black-River, commonly known by the name of Lacovia bridge, on the great road leading through the ſouth ſide of the iſland, is in a decayed ſituation, and will require to be pulled down and rebuilt anew:

" That

"That the petitioners beg leave to repreſent that the inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, by reaſon of the many bridges which they are annually taxed to ſupport for the convenience of carrying their produce to market, are unable, of themſelves, to rebuild the ſaid bridge, which is uſed merely as a road of communication of equal advantage to the public at large, and has been heretofore repaired by a grant of the Houſe:

"And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Barrett, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported two reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

"1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requeſting he will be pleaſed to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, prohibiting all Spaniards trading to this iſland from landing either themſelves or ſlaves without his Honour's ſpecial licence, or that of any perſon he ſhall appoint for that purpoſe; that his Honour will be pleaſed to give directions to the cuſtodes and commanding officers of the ſeveral regiments of militia, in their diſtricts, to take the moſt effectual means to enforce ſuch proclamation in the different bays and creeks where no ſhip of war is to be ſtationed; that the cuſtodes or ſenior magiſtrate in the precinct, do, forthwith, make a return to his Honour of all Spaniards reſident in their ſeveral diſtricts, and that all Spaniards, without ſuch licenſe, be apprehended and committed to gaol as vagrants, till any Spaniſh veſſel can be found to receive them, and that this Houſe will engage to paſs any bill which may be deemed neceſſary to ſupport and ſtrengthen his Honour's authority therein.

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutetenant-Governor, requeſting he will be pleaſed to order the ſeveral ſuperintendents of the maroon towns to repair immediately to their reſpective poſts, and, on no account, to abſent themſelves from the ſaid towns, without his Honours permiſſion.

Then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for granting an additional ſalary to his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in chief, during his adminiſtration.

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Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act for granting an additional salary to his Honour Adam Williamson, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, during his administration."

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House upon the bill to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the salary of his Excellency George Haldane, Esquire, and for providing certain lands and premises to be annexed to the Government, for the use of the Governor for the time being.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be "An act to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the salary of his Excellency George Haldane, Esquire, and for providing certain lands and premises to be annexed to the Government for the use of the Governor for the time being."

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the House, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

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Sabbati 26° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE engroſſed bill for granting an additional ſalary to his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, during his adminiſtration, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the Government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of Catherine Counteſs of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St. Catherine, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the Receiver-General do pay the fees on the bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the pariſh of St Catherine,

againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for having permitted the remains of his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham to be interred in the church of the ſaid pariſh; the ſame being a private bill, and this Houſe will make good the expence thereof.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that, there being a bill before the Houſe for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, they deſire you will appoint a committee of your Board to join a committee of the Houſe in a free conference for the appointment of ſuch Agent; and, if your Honours agree thereto, you will be pleaſed to appoint your number, time, and place."

Ordered, That Mr. Blake and Mr. Barrett be a committee to carry the above meſſage and bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the Government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof," and to enable the Receiver-General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain reſtrictions, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

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The bill for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, this day, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe on Monday morning next, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, from the committee to whom the petition of Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, a free mulatto woman, on behalf of herſelf, and of her ſeveral children, Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, Catherine Hermitt,

Hermitt, and Anne Hermitt, free quadroons, was referred, reported, that the committee had enquired into the allegations ſet forth in the ſaid petition, and do find they are true, and are of opinion that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Rodon, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A petition of Gilbert Waugh, of the pariſh of Port Royal, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner has ſupplied a boat and five negroes for the uſe of the troops quartered at the Apoſtles battery, which ſaid boat and negroes have conſtantly attended, day and night, from the 12th of November, 1790, to the 19th of February, 1791, inclusive, and from the 3d of March to the 9th of April laſt, alſo inclusive, at the rate of fifteen ſhillings per day, the uſual allowance for ſuch ſervice, and for which there is due and owing to the petitioner the ſum of £ 103 : 10, as will appear by the accounts annexed, atteſted by the petitioner, and certified by the officers commanding at the ſaid battery during the ſaid time:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 6) for the accounts referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of Duncan Fraſer, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Deputy Marſhal for the county gaol of Surry, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT there is due and owing unto the petitioner the ſum of £. 415 : 17 : 6, being caſh advanced by him for the ſupport and maintenance of priſoners confined in Kingſton gaol for debt, between the 21ſt day of November 1790 and the 20th day of November 1791, as will appear by the annexed account."

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 7.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the above two petitions and accounts be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER*,

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that, agreeably to their meſſage of this day, they have appointed a committee to five of their Board, to join a committee of the Houſe in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent in Great Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, on Tueſday next at twelve o'clock, in the Council-Chamber."

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr Chief Juſtice, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Blake, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Rodon, Mr. Lewis, Mr Barton, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Cockburn, be a committee to manage the ſaid free conference.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe on the bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Kemeys took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Kemeys, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes"

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the Government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof," and to enable the Receiver General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain reſtrictions.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cockburn took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Cockburn, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be "An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, 'An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof,' and to enable the Receiver-General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain reſtrictions."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral maroon towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for

other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further ſecurity and protection, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Campbell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again read by the Clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An Act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral maroon towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes."

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe he had his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's leave to adjourn the Houſe from time to time as they ſhould think proper.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe on Monday next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Lunae 28° Die Novembris, 1791.

THE engroſſed bill for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read the third time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage by virtue of an act, entitled, " An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the Government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof," and to enable the Receiver General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain regulations, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Mr. M'Lean, from the committee to whom the petition of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, on behalf of Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of the ſaid Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, was referred, reported that the committee had enquired into the allegations therein ſet forth. and do find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Lean, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. Galbraith, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

Mr M'Lean, from the committee to whom the petition of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, on behalf of Suſanna Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of the ſaid Ebenezer Edie, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, was referred, reported that the committee had enquired into the allegations ſet forth in the ſaid petition and do find they are true, and are of opinion that a committee ſhould appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Galbraith, and Mr. Richards, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A petition of Suſannah Young, of the pariſh of St Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, on behalf of herſelf and of her ſeveral children, William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Suſannah Young Salmon, free quadroons, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner has been baptized, educated, and inſtructed, in the principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and in the communion of the Church of England, as by law eſtabliſhed, and hath cauſed her ſaid children, William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Suſannah Young Salmon, to be baptized, all of whom, except the youngeſt, are ſent to England, there to be brought up and educated in the ſame religious principles:

"That the petitioner begs leave to repreſent, that ſhe is poſſeſſed of property, real and perſonal in this iſland, ſufficient to maintain herſelf and her children, and to place them in ſituations much more reſpectable than that of free people of colour in general, but, from the unfortunate circumſtances of their births, the petitioner and her children are ſubject to the ſame pains and penalties to which free people are liable who have no property:

"And praying that the Houſe will give leave to bring in a bill granting to the petitioner and her children, and their future iſſue, ſuch privileges as have been heretofore granted to perſons under the like circumſtances."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr Vanheelen, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of Henry Andrew Francken, of the pariſh of Kingſton, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner arrived in this iſland in the month of February 1757, and, being an alien, was admitted, by naturalization, to the privileges of an Engliſh ſubject, in March 1758:

"That the petitioner was appointed, by a commiſſion from his Honour Henry Moore, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, an interpreter of the Engliſh and Dutch languages in the High Court of Vice Admiralty of this iſland:—A ſtate of the force of the enemies to Great-Britain, during the late war with America, having come to the petitioner's knowledge, he communicated the ſame to Governor Campbell and Admiral Rowley, who gave him their thanks for his information:

"During the continuance of the war, the petitioner could live and maintain himſelf and family in a decent manner; of late years, by ſickneſs and the death of his late wife, and by the hurricanes in 1784 and 1785, the petitioner met with ſuch great loſſes that, from time to time, he was neceſſitated to part with all his valuables of plate, houſhold furniture, &c. for the maintenance of himſelf and daughter, and is now in poſſeſſion of no other real eſtate than two old negroes:

"That,

" That, in November 1786, Eliphalet Fitch, Eſquire, the Receiver-General at that time, appointed the petitioner a waiter, with a ſalary of £. 150 per annum, and he was continued in the ſame appointment by Hinton Eaſt, Eſquire, when he ſucceeded to the office of Receiver-General, by which appointment, the petitioner, with economy, did live, but could not avoid getting in debt.

" That, by a reſolution of the Houſe in the ſeſſion of 1790, ſaid office of waiters was aboliſhed, whereby the petitioner was totally ruined, and muſt have gone into gaol if it had not been for ſome of his friends who propoſed a concert of muſic for his benefit, which was performed in January laſt, the profits of which cleared him of his debts at that time:

" That, in the ſeſſions of laſt February, the Houſe voted the petitioner £. 100 as a recompence for the loſs of his waiter's place, which has been a great help to the petitioner, but could not poſſibly maintain him and daughter for this year:

" That, having no profeſſion, or any means to get a ſubſiſtence in his old age and infirm ſtate, he muſt throw himſelf on the generoſity of the Houſe, to appoint him to ſome poſt under government, and at the ſame time adapted to his advanced period in life, being near ſeventy-one years, that may prevent him from becoming a penſioner on the bounty of this pariſh for the ſcant means of ſubſiſtence."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A petition of the magiſtrates, veſtry, and other inhabitants, of the pariſh of St. James, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth.

" THAT the petitioners, being truly ſenſible of the wiſhes and endeavours of the Houſe for the public good, and that it is merely neceſſary to relate grievances to aſſure redreſs conſiſtently with the general intereſt, of which it is the guardian, humbly beg leave to repreſent, that the ford at Great-River, near the barracks, on the principal road of communication between the north and ſouth ſides of this part of the iſland, is, at all times, in a bad ſtate from large ſtones brought down by floods, and that it is impaſſable during the vernal and autumnal ſeaſons, in conſequence of heavy rains, to the very great detriment of the inhabitants in general by delay of intercourſe; many dreadful inſtances of perſons, both whites and others, who have periſhed by attempting to paſs this ford, might be mentioned, but as ſuch unfortunate events muſt be in the recollection of many members, they forbear to recite them:

" And praying for relief."

A petition of the magiſtrates, veſtry, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Eaſt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners have, at various times, expended large ſums of money for erecting and repairing a bridge at a place called Hogg's River, in the ſaid pariſh, on the public highway round the iſland:

" That the ſituation of the ſaid bridge hath been found inconvenient for the public, and highly expenſive to the petitioners:

" That a commodious and permanent road may be made, more advantageous to the public, entirely to avoid the ſaid bridge:

" That the ſaid road is not uſed to convey any ſort of produce to a ſhipping place, but ſolely as the public highway round the iſland:

" And praying for relief."

A petition of the ſubſcribers, freeholders of the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Eaſt, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT roads of communication through the interior parts of this iſland are productive of great public as well as private benefit:

" That a road hath been laid out between the Bath of St. Thomas the Apoſtle and the town of Titchfield in the pariſh of Portland:

" That a great part of the ſaid road is already made, partly by public grants, and partly by an annual ſum raiſed by the inhabitants of St. Thomas in the Eaſt and Portland.

" That the ſaid road gives acceſs to a large tract of uncultivated land, well adapted for pens, and coffee and other plantations:

" That the ſaid road going nine miles through wood-land, without any intervening ſettlement, the petitioners find it will be impoſſible to complete the ſame without aſſiſtance from the public:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above three petitions be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Partis

Martis 29° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſages be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

(First Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour and to acquaint you, that, as the ſtation of the Hound ſloop of war has been altered, the windward pariſhes will ſtand in need of further protection, and as the barracks at Oracabeſſa will, in a few days, be in complete repair, and fit, in every reſpect, to receive a company of foot, the Houſe requeſt your Honour will be pleaſed to order a company to be quartered at thoſe barracks."

(Second Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, prohibiting all Spaniards trading to this iſland from landing either themſelves or ſlaves without your Honour's ſpecial licence, or that of any perſon you ſhall appoint for that purpoſe; that your Honour will be pleaſed to give directions to the cuſtodes, and commanding officers of the ſeveral regiments of militia in their diſtricts, to take the moſt effectual means to enforce ſuch proclamation in the different bays and creeks where no ſhip of war is to be ſtationed; that the cuſtodes or ſenior magiſtrate in the precinct, do, forthwith, make a return to his Honour of all Spaniards reſident in their ſeveral diſtricts, and that all Spaniards, without ſuch licenſe, be apprehended and committed to gaol as vagrants, till any Spaniſh veſſel can be found to receive them, and that the Houſe will engage to paſs any bill which may be deemed neceſſary to ſupport and ſtrengthen your Honour's authority therein."

(Third Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to order the ſeveral ſuperintendents of the maroon towns to repair immediately to their reſpective poſts, and on no account, to abſent themſelves from the ſaid towns, without your Honour's permiſſion."

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Shirley, be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſages; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour, in anſwer, was pleaſed to ſay, he would give the neceſſary directions accordingly, and, that the troops ſhould be ſent to Oracabeſſa whenever the barracks were reported to be ready to receive them.

Mr.

Mr. Wallen, from the committee appointed to meet a committee of the Council in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, reported that the joint committee have accordingly met, and are unanimouſly of opinion that Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, ſhould be re-appointed Agent for this iſland.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS*,

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have agreed to the report made by the chairman of their committee, appointed to join a committee of your Board in a free conference for the appointment of an Agent for ſoliciting the paſſing of laws and other public affairs of this iſland in Great-Britain.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Lewis, Mr Redwood, and Mr. Fraſer, be a committee to carry the above meſſage and engroſſed bills of yeſterday to the Council; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A petition of William Dunlop, Eſquire, late Secretary of this iſland, by George Bogle, Eſquire, his Attorney, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner was obliged by his office to record the laws annually paſſed in this iſland, and to prepare copies and duplicates thereof to be tranſmitted to one of his Majeſty's principal Secretary's of State, and for that purpoſe to put the ſame, as well as the minutes of the Aſſembly, under his atteſtation and ſeal of the iſland, and was alſo obliged to do ſundry other articles in his office:

"That the petitioner has, ſince the 14th day of November 1790, accordingly done and performed ſundry articles ſpecified in the account hereunto annexed, the fees whereof, together with money by him paid and advanced for poſtage of letters from the Agent, amount to the ſum of £. 609 : 1 : 3, which ſtill remains due to the petitioner:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 8) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of James Jones, Eſquire, Secretary of this iſland, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner is obliged, by his office, to record the laws annually paſſed in this iſland, and to prepare copies and duplicates thereof to be tranſmitted to one of his Majeſty's principal Secretary's of State, and for that purpoſe to put the ſame, as well as the minutes of the Aſſembly, under his atteſtation and the ſeal of the iſland, and is alſo obliged to do ſundry other articles in his office:

"That the petitioner has, ſince the 26th day of May 1791, accordingly done and performed ſundry articles ſpecified in the account hereunto annexed, the fees whereof, together with money by him paid and advanced for poſtage of letters from the Agent, amount to the ſum of £ 575 : 3 : 1½, which ſtill remains due to the petitioner:

"And

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No 9.) for the accounts referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of John Fitzſimmons, and M'Millan Jameſon, by James Shaw and Charles Nicholſon, their attornies, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT they, the ſaid John Fitzſimmons and M'Millan Jameſon, have ſupplied a market-boat and negroes for the uſe of his Majeſty's royal regiment of artillery, quartered at Port-Royal, which ſaid boat and negroes have conſtantly attended from the 18th day of November 1790, to the 16th day of November 1791, being 363 days, at 15*s.* per day, the uſual allowance for ſuch ſervice:

" That they have likewiſe ſupplied a boat and negroes for the uſe of his Majeſty's 62d regiment of foot while quartered at Port-Royal, from the 17th day of November 1790, to the 25th day of April 1791, being 160 days, at 15*s.* per day, the uſual boat for the royal artillery being inſufficient even for the duties carrying on by that corps at that period, as certified by Lieutenant-Colonel Horneck, and Captain Wybrants, commanding officers of ſaid corps, and Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, commanding officer of the Port-Royal regiment of artillery:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 10) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of James Dott, of the pariſh of Portland, carpenter, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT, in the year 1789, the petitioner entered into a contract with the commiſſioners of forts and fortifications to execute certain repairs at Fort-George, in the pariſh of Portland, which he performed agreeably to his ſaid contract:

" That, on raiſing up the floor, it was found neceſſary to have a new frame for the front and ſouth balconys of the officers quarters at the ſaid fort, which was not included in his ſaid contract, and that it was out of the power of the petitioner to comply with his contract until the ſaid frame was completed:

" That the petitioner, in order to comply with his original contract with the commiſſioners, did furniſh the timber and complete the workmanſhip of the ſaid frame, as is ſet forth in the account hereunto annexed, for which, the ſum of £.58 : 10 is due to him:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 11.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the above four petitions and accounts be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations ſet forth in the ſaid petition, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the pariſh of St. David was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners have, for many years paſt, been obliged, at conſiderable labour and expence, to make and keep in repair the great road leading from Yallahs Bay to Riverhead eſtate in the ſaid pariſh, which is eſtimated to be twelve miles and upwards, without having ever received any grant or aid from the Houſe:

" That the ſaid road is in moſt parts cloſe upon the banks of Yallahs River, and in many places cut through the ſides of ſteep hills adjoining to the ſaid river:

" That the making and keeping in repair the ſaid road has proved of material advantage, not only to the ſaid pariſh of St. David, but alſo to the iſland in general, by encouraging many perſons with ſmall properties to become ſettlers in the interior parts of ſaid pariſh, and alſo in the pariſh of Port-Royal, which is, in many places, bounded by the ſaid Yallahs River:

" That the late ſevere and heavy rains occaſioned the riſe of the ſaid Yallahs River far beyond the limits to which the ſame had ever been known, and to run with ſuch rapidity and continuance as greatly to injure ſuch of the petitioners properties as are immediately bounding on the ſaid river; and that the ſaid road is, in many parts, ſo totally waſhed away and deſtroyed, that the bank of the ſaid river, where ſuch road lately exiſted, is now become a ſteep and rocky mountain, over which the petitioners believe it will be difficult even for foot paſſengers to paſs with ſafety, and that a new tract and road muſt be made before the petitioners will be enabled to carry the produce of their eſtates and properties to market without conſiderable danger, labour, and expence:

" That the annual allotment for repairing ſaid road has always fallen very heavy on a few of the petitioners, there not being many ſettlements on the banks of the ſaid river, and mountain and ſmall ſettlers contributing nothing thereto, as well on account of their poverty as the roads they are reſpectively obliged to make and keep in repair which lead from the ſaid great road to their reſpective ſettlements:

" That the juſtices and veſtry of the ſaid pariſh have lately laid a tax on the petitioners and all other the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh of St. David, for the purpoſe of raiſing a fund for the repairing of the ſaid great road, a diagram whereof the petitioners have ready to produce; but, although the ſum expected to be raiſed by ſuch tax will fall heavy and burthenſome on the petitioners, it will be inſufficient to anſwer the intended purpoſe:

" And praying for relief."

A petition of the magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and freeholders, of the pariſh of Portland, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT this pariſh has given annually, for many years paſt, the ſum of £. 40 towards keeping the road from Port-Antonio along the banks of the Rio Grande to Bath open, and that the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Eaſt has, alſo, for many years paſt, given the ſum of £. 80 annually for the ſame purpoſe:

" That the ſaid ſums have been found inadequate to the purpoſe of completing the ſaid road, but would be ſufficient to keep it in repair if once completed:

" That the utility of ſo ready a communication between the north and ſouth ſides of this iſland is ſo well known that the petitioners will be ſilent on that head, and will only obſerve,

ſerve, that the completing of the ſaid road will greatly expedite the ſettlement of a valuable tract of land on the banks of the Rio Grande:

"And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above two petitions do lie on the table for the peruſal of the members.

A petition of the magiſtrates, freeholders, and inhabitants, of the pariſh of Portland, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth.

"THAT the commiſſioners appointed by the Houſe for laying out the ſum of £. 300, granted laſt ſeſſions towards building a bridge over Port-Antonio river, have agreed with a maſon for building the ſame, for the ſum of £. 800, as appears by the eſtimate hereunto annexed:

"That the magiſtrates and veſtry have laid a tax of £ 140 on the pariſh, to be applied in aid of the ſaid grant of £. 300, which is more than the pariſhioners can well afford, the pariſh tax this year being at the very high rate of 4*s*. 9*d*. on ſlaves, and 11*d*. on ſtock:

"That, it being found impracticable to build a bridge over the river where the preſent road croſſes it, there was a neceſſity of building it higher up the river which renders it neceſſary to make above a mile of road through ſwampy land, and will be attended with great expence to the pariſh, and puts it out of the power of the veſtry to lay any further tax for the ſaid bridge:

"That the maſon employed to build the ſaid bridge has collected a ſufficiency of materials for the ſame, and is now actually at work in erecting of it:

"That the neceſſity of a bridge over the ſaid river has been always very great, but has been greatly encreaſed by the violence of the laſt great flood:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 12.) for the eſtimate referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of the magiſtrates, veſtry, and other freeholders, of the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Eaſt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT a bridge was formerly built over Nutts River on the public highway to Bath, and round this iſland:

"That the ſaid bridge hath been totally carried away by the late flood:

"That the road whereon the ſaid bridge was erected is not uſed for the conveyance of any ſort of produce to a ſhipping place, but ſolely for the uſe of the public:

"And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above two petitions be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of

of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they have agreed to the report made by the chairman of their committee appointed to join a committee of the Houſe, in a free conference on the appointment of an Agent for ſoliciting the paſſing of laws and other public affairs of this iſland in Great-Britain."

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM ordered by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor to lay the annexed papers, received from the Governor of the French part of St. Domingo, before the Houſe, for their conſideration

Ordered, That the ſaid meſſage, together with the papers therewith ſent, be referred to Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr Shirley, Mr. M'Lean, Mr William Mitchell, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Tharp, and Mr Chief Juſtice, that they have power to ſend for perſons and papers, and to examine all perſons in the moſt ſolemn manner.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii 30° Die Novembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE bill for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, and for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly, from time to

to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

A petition of certain freeholders and other inhabitants of the ſeveral pariſhes of St. Andrew, Port-Royal, St. David, and St. George, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT, in conſequence of the late violent floods, the road near to Mamee River hath been much injured, and the fording place at the junction of that river and Hope-River become extremely dangerous, and the neceſſity of building a bridge for the ſafety of travellers and the ſettlers who muſt unavoidably uſe that road urgent in the higheſt degree:

" That the ſums already granted and ſubſcribed are very inadequate to the erecting a bridge and improving the road, which, from its being a public communication acroſs the iſland to Buff-Bay, the petitioners ſubmit merits the aſſiſtance of the public in defraying the charge attending ſo uſeful an undertaking:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

The Houſe being informed that Edward Woollery, Eſquire, the Surveyor of the Public Works, attended at the door, he was called in, and, at the bar, preſented to the Houſe, according to order, an account of repairs done to the houſe and buildings at the Admiral's pen, in conſequence of the ſum of £.850 granted for that purpoſe laſt year, and alſo the manner in which the ſaid repairs have been completed;

And then he withdrew.

And, the ſame being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid account do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

Ordered, That Mr. Barrett have leave of abſence for a fortnight.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Jovis, 1° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. A MESSAGE from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, by the Clerk of the Council, who brought down the writ of election for the pariſh of St. James, which, with the Provoſt-Marſhal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that Samuel Vaughan, jun Eſquire, was returned a repreſentative for the ſaid pariſh, in the room of Charles Bernard, Eſquire, whoſe ſeat the Houſe had vacated.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they deſire you will ſend down the names of ſuch members of your Board as you will have named commiſſioners in the bill for appointing an Agent for ſoliciting the paſſing of laws, and other public affairs of this iſland, in Great-Britain"

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp and Mr Vanheelen be a committee to carry the above meſſage to the Council; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That the order for the attendance of Mr. Burke on Wedneſday laſt be diſcharged, and that he do attend in his place on Wedneſday next.

Mr. Vanheelen, from the committee to whom the petition of Suſannah Young, of the pariſh of St Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, on behalf of herſelf and of her ſeveral children, named William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Elizabeth Young Salmon, free quadroons, was referred, reported that the committee had enquired into the allegations ſet forth in the ſaid petition, and do find they are true, and are of opinion that a committee ſhould be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee for that pupoſe.

Mr. Whiteborne, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for adding commiſſioners to thoſe already made a body corporate in and by a certain act, entitled, 'An act for making commiſſioners nominated and appointed in and by an act, entitled, 'An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned,' a body politic and corporate, and to enable them to raiſe a certain ſum of money upon the toll in the ſaid act mentioned, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' and to enable the ſaid corporation to borrow a further ſum of money not exceeding £.5000 for the purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; and to enable the ſaid corporation to purchaſe land not exceeding one acre,

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and to build a toll-houſe thereon," and for adding commiſſioners to the ſaid act; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow morning.

A petition of Robert Pitcairn, carpenter, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner was directed by Edward Woollery, Eſquire, Superviſor of Public Works, to perform ſundry carpenters work at the King's Houſe, amounting to the ſum of £. 132 : 15 : 9, which he completed in a workmanlike manner:

"That there is alſo due and owing to the petitioner the further ſum of £. 21 for removing of ſtores and furniture in and about the King's-Houſe, amounting together to the ſum of £. 153 : 15 : 9, as will more fully appear by the atteſted account hereto annexed, certified by the ſaid Edward Woollery:

"That the petitioner applied to the board of commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, for payment of the ſaid account, but was informed that the monies granted laſt year for work done at the King's Houſe were already expended, and rejected the petitioner's ſaid account, ſo that the whole amount thereof yet remains unpaid:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 13.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the ſaid petition and account be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations ſet forth in the ſaid petition, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of the freeholders of the pariſh of Trelawny was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the Aſſembly having been pleaſed, in the ſeſſions of 1789, to grant the ſum of £. 1000 for the purpoſe of making a road of communication acroſs the iſland in its greateſt breadth, from Mr. Cuniff's pen in the pariſh of Trelawny, to One-Eye eſtate in the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, which would be productive of the greateſt advantages to theſe pariſhes and the country in general, the commiſſioners, for the greater expediency in effecting the ſame, directed that £ 500, the moiety of the grant, ſhould be worked out by each pariſh, commencing at the extremities, (Cuniff's pen and One-Eye eſtate) and proceeding to the centre, the ſaid pariſhes having previouſly, at their joint expence, cauſed a track for ſuch road to be cut:

"That the ſaid moiety of the grant hath been duly worked out, commencing at Cuniff's pen and proceeding towards One-Eye eſtate, as appears by the report of the commiſſioners:

"That the ſaid grant hath not been ſufficient to complete the making of the ſaid road of communication, about ſeven or eight miles in the middle remaining undone:

"And praying for relief."

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A petition of the magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and freeholders, of the pariſh of St. Mary, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the road leading from Berkſhire-hall eſtate, in the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Hermon-hill eſtate, in the pariſh of St. Mary, is one of the moſt public roads in this iſland:

" That the ſaid road is at preſent ſupported by allotments from the ſaid pariſhes of St. Thomas in the Vale and St. Mary, which, though very heavy on the inhabitants reſiding in the neighbourhood of the ſaid road, are found inadequate for the purpoſe of keeping the ſame in repair:

" That the perſons principally intereſted in the ſaid road are willing to advance conſiderable ſums towards making the ſaid road perfectly ſafe and good, but are unable to accompliſh the whole without the aſſiſtance of the Houſe:

" That the ſum of £. 200, granted by the Houſe in the ſeſſion of the year 1790, has been laid out and expended with the utmoſt care and frugality, but, the ſaid ſum of £. 200 having proved inſufficient for the purpoſe intended, the petitioners beg leave to ſolicit a further grant, which they will lay out in the ſame careful and frugal manner."

A petition of ſeveral inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Ann, on behalf of themſelves and others, inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, and alſo on behalf of the inhabitants of the pariſhes of Trelawny, St. James, and Hanover, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the liberal grants which have been heretofore made by the Houſe, for effecting a road from Phœnix-park, in the pariſh of St. Ann, to the weſtern confines thereof, have been expended with the utmoſt good management and economy, and that a capital road, according to a diagram formerly preſented to the Houſe, hath been opened and improved:

" That the ſaid road is not only of the utmoſt conveniency to the internal ſettlers of the ſaid pariſh of St. Ann, but is alſo of great advantage to the inhabitants of the pariſhes of Trelawny, St. James, and Hanover, whoſe occaſions oblige them to travel to town, not only from its being a better road than the former, but that the diſtance is conſiderably ſhortened:

" That, in caſe of invaſion or internal inſurrection, the ſaid road would be found to be of the utmoſt importance in forming a ſpeedy junction of the military of different pariſhes, and cutting off the retreat of the rebels to the woods:

" That, notwithſtanding the great progreſs which has been made in the ſaid road, it being at this time a pleaſant, ſafe, and eaſy, horſe road, and partly a carriage road, a further grant of money is indiſpenſably neceſſary, not only to complete the ſaid road, but to preſerve what has been done, for, by a neglect of nine or ten months it would be in ruin, and would, in other reſpects, ſuſtain ſo much damage as to make it impaſſable, and would greatly encreaſe the expence and difficulty in the next ſucceeding year of completing the ſaid road:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered,

Ordered, That the above three petitions be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

Ordered, That the petition of ſundry freeholders of the pariſh of St. Ann, on behalf of themſelves and others, with the diagram preſented to the Houſe, be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted, or on which tolls have been erected.

A petition of Lewis Cuthbert, late of this iſland, but now of the kingdom of Geat-Britain, Eſquire, by William Mitchell, George Cuthbert, and Alexander Alves, Eſquires, his Attornies, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT, by a certain indenture, tripartite, bearing date on or about the the 31ſt day of May in the year of our Lord 1766, and made between Jane Cuthbert, the wife of the ſaid Lewis Cuthbert, by her then name and deſcription of Jane Pinnock, of the pariſh of Kingſton, in the county of Surry and iſland of Jamaica aforeſaid, ſpinſter, one of the daughters and legatees of, and named in the laſt will and teſtament of, Thomas Pinnock, late of the pariſh of Kingſton aforeſaid, Eſquire, deceaſed, of the firſt part, the petitioner, by his name and deſcription therein, of the ſecond part, and Sir George Francis Hampſon, then of the pariſh of Kingſton, Baronet, but ſince deceaſed, and James Pinnock, of the ſame place, Eſquire, of the third part, reciting, *inter alia*, that a marriage was intended to be had and ſolemnized by and between the ſaid Lewis Cuthbert and the ſaid Jane, and that the ſaid Thomas Pinnock by his laſt will and teſtament, bearing date on or about the 27th day of January 1756, and re-executed and publiſhed on or about the 31ſt day of December 1758, did give and bequeath unto the ſaid Jane and his four other daughters therein named the ſum of £.1500 currency each, to be paid to each of them at the age of eighteen years, if not married then to be paid them at the age of twenty-one years with intereſt at ſix per cent from the age of eighteen years: And he further gave unto his ſaid daughters, one negro boy and two negro girls each, to be bought out of Guinea veſſels by his executrix and executors out of the profits of his eſtate, thoſe to his daughter Jane to be bought in three years after his deceaſe, which ſaid ſum of £.1500 and the ſaid negroes, with their future increaſe, he gave to his ſaid daughter Jane and the heirs of her body for ever, but in caſe of her death without iſſue, then the ſaid legacy and negroes, ſo given to her, ſhould go to the ſurvivors or ſurvivor of his ſaid daughter, ſhare and ſhare alike, and the heirs of their and her body for ever; and alſo reciting that, whereas his late kinſwoman, Mrs Sarah Cotter, did, by her laſt will and teſtament, bequeath unto his daughters, Mary and Sarah a certain houſe and land in Kingſton, he did, therefore, give unto his two daughters, Jane and Catherine, two lots of land ſituate and fronting the parade, in which Minba, a free woman, then lived, to be divided equally between them, and gave the choice to his ſaid daughter Jane, with a further ſum of £.500 to be laid out on each of their parts of the land for erecting a dwelling-houſe; and alſo reciting the death of the ſaid Thomas Pinnock, and that the ſaid Jane had then lately attained her age of twenty-one years, and that the petitioner, in and by his bond or writing obligatory bearing even date with thoſe preſents, for the better maintenance and ſupport of the ſaid Jane, his then intended wife and the children of the ſaid marriage, if any, in caſe the ſaid marriage ſhould take effect and his ſaid intended wife ſurvive him, became bound unto the ſaid Sir George

Hampſon and James Pinnock their heirs, executors, and adminiſtrators, in the penal ſum of £. 4000 currency, conditioned for the payment of the ſum of £. 2000 like current money upon the truſts and for the uſes therein after mentioned and declared of and concerning the ſame, and that the ſaid Jane had agreed to accept and take ſuch proviſions as were therein mentioned in lieu and full ſatisfaction of dower or thirds out of her ſaid huſband's eſtate, it is witneſſed, that in conſideration of the premiſes, and for the purpoſe of ſettling the fortune of the ſaid Jane, and the ſeveral legacies and bequeſts to her made in and by the ſaid recited will upon the ſeveral truſts and to and for the ſeveral uſes, ends, intents, and purpoſes, therein aftermentioned, and for the conſideration to the ſaid Jane therein mentioned to be paid to her by the ſaid Sir George Francis Hampſon and James Pinnock, ſhe, the ſaid Jane, with the conſent and approbation of the ſaid petitioner teſtified as therein mentioned, did grant and aſſign unto the ſaid Sir George Francis Hampſon and James Pinnock, their heirs, executors, and adminiſtrators, all thoſe the herein before-recited legacies given and bequeathed by the ſaid recited will unto the ſaid Jane, together with all demands and intereſt money then ſubſiſting due or owing, or which ſhould hereafter become due in reſpect of the ſaid ſeveral legacies, and all and ſingular the monies, lands, negroes, ſlaves, hereditaments, and premiſes, given and bequeathed to the ſaid Jane in and by the ſaid recited will of the ſaid Thomas Pinnock, either in poſſeſſion, reverſion, or otherwiſe howſoever, to hold the ſame and every part thereof unto the ſaid Sir George Francis Hampſon and James Pinnock and the ſurvivor of them, and the heirs, executors, and adminiſtrators of ſuch ſurvivor, upon the ſeveral truſts and to and for the ſeveral uſes, intents, and purpoſes, therein, and in the indenture next herein after ſtated, are mentioned:

"That, by a certain other indenture, bearing date the 16th day of May 1780, and made between the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife of the firſt part, and the ſaid James Pinnock of the ſecond part, and George Cuthbert and Thomas Wynter, Eſquires, of the third part, reciting the ſaid indenture of the 31ſt day of May 1766, and that the ſaid marriage took effect, and that the petitioner had iſſue of the ſaid Jane ſeveral children who were then living; and alſo reciting the death of the ſaid Sir George Francis Hampſon, whereby the truſt eſtate and premiſes ſurvived to the ſaid James Pinnock, and in whom the eſtates of the ſaid teſtator, Thomas Pinnock, had veſted by virtue of divers conveyances from the other ſons and deviſees of the ſaid Thomas Pinnock, and that by means thereof the ſaid James Pinnock became liable, out of the ſaid eſtates, to pay the ſeveral legacies and bequeſts to the ſaid Jane in the ſaid will mentioned; and alſo reciting that the ſum of £. 3324 : 14 : 11 currency was, on the firſt day of January 1780 due and owing for principal and intereſt of the ſaid legacies and bequeſts, and that the ſame had been converted by the ſaid James Pinnock, with the conſent and approbation of the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife, into the ſeveral ſecurities mentioned and ſet forth in the ſchedule marked A thereunto annexed, ſubject to the ſeveral truſts, uſes, intents, and purpoſes, therein and hereinafter mentioned; and alſo reciting, that the petitioner, in lieu of his ſaid bond of £. 2 00, had propoſed that the ſeveral negro and other ſlaves, mentioned and ſet forth in the ſchedule marked B, thereunto annexed, ſhould be as a more ample and adequate ſecurity for the truſts, uſes, intents, and purpoſes, of the ſaid truſt deed, ſubject to the truſts, uſes, intents, and purpoſes, therein mentioned, or as near thereto as the nature of the caſe would admit, and which propoſal was agreed to by all parties; it is then thereby witneſſed, that the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife and the ſaid James Pinnock, for the conſiderations therein mentioned, did grant, bargain, ſell, aſſign, transfer, and ſet over, unto the ſaid George Cuthbert and Thomas Wynter, their heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, all thoſe the ſeveral bonds and ſecurities for money ſet forth in the ſaid ſchedule marked A thereunto annexed, and all ſum and ſums of money for principal and intereſt

intereſt then due or thereafter to grow due and owing thereon, and all benefit and advantage thereof, and all and every the negro and other ſlaves ſet forth in the ſchedule marked B, thereto annexed, with the iſſue and increaſe of the females and all benefit thereof, upon the ſpecial truſt and confidence that they, the ſaid George Cuthbert and Thomas Wynter, and the ſurvivor of them, and the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, of ſuch ſurvivor, ſhould, from time to time, and at all times during the joint lives of the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife, pay and apply all and ſingular the annual intereſt of the ſeveral ſecurities ſet forth in the ſchedule A, and the clear yearly rents, iſſues, and profits, of the ſaid ſlaves ſet forth in the ſaid ſchedule B, and their future iſſue, offſpring, and increaſe, unto and to the uſe of the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife and the ſurvivor of them, and his or her aſſigns for and during ſo long time as they ſhould reſpectively live, and from and after the deceaſe of the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife and of the ſurvivor of them, then, as to the ſaid ſum of £. 3324 : 14 : 11 currency, to be by them, the ſaid George Cuthbert and Thomas Wynter, and the ſurvivor of them, and the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, of ſuch ſurvivor, levied, raiſed, and paid, out of the ſeveral ſecurities mentioned in the ſaid ſchedule marked A, and the growing and accruing intereſt thereof, in truſt for and to the uſe and behoof of, and to be divided amongſt all and every the child and children of the petitioner on the body of the ſaid Jane begotten and to be begotton in ſuch manner as they, the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife or the ſurvivor of them, ſhould by any deed or deeds in writing under his or her hand and ſeal, ſubſcribed and ſealed in the preſence of three or more credible witneſſes, or by his or her laſt will and teſtament in writing atteſted as aforeſaid, direct, limit, appoint, give, or diſpoſe of the ſame, and for default of ſuch direction, limitation, appointment, gift, or diſpoſal, to and for all and every ſuch child or children, his, her, or their, heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, for ever equally ſhare and ſhare alike, or in default of ſuch iſſue, or in caſe ſuch iſſue ſhould happen to die before they ſhould attain their reſpective ages of twenty-one years, then in truſt, and to and for the uſe and behoof of all and every the child or children of the body of the ſaid Jane by any after-taken huſband, lawfully iſſuing in ſuch manner as ſhe, the ſaid Jane, ſhould by any deed or deeds under her hand and ſeal, ſubſcribed and ſealed in the preſence of three or more credible witneſſes, or by her laſt will and teſtament, atteſted as aforeſaid, direct, limit, or appoint, give, or diſpoſe of, the ſame, and for and in default of ſuch direction, limitation, appointment, gift, or diſpoſal, to and for all and every the child and children of the body of the ſaid Jane by ſuch after-taken huſband or huſbands lawfully iſſuing, his, her, and their, heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, equally ſhare and ſhare alike, and in default of ſuch iſſue, or in caſe ſuch iſſue ſhould happen to die before they ſhould attain their reſpective ages of twenty-one years, then, in truſt for the right heirs of the petitioner for ever, and to and for no other uſe, intent, or purpoſe whatſoever, and as to, for, and concerning, the reſt, reſidue, and remainder, of the monies then due or to grow due and owing upon and by virtue of the ſaid ſeveral ſecurities mentioned and ſet forth in the ſaid ſchedule marked A, and all and every the negro and other ſlaves mentioned and ſet forth in the ſaid ſchedule, marked B, thereunto annexed, and the future iſſue, offſpring, and increaſe of the female ſlaves in the ſaid ſchedule named, and the rents, iſſues, hire, and profits, of the ſame and every part thereof, after the deceaſe of the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife and the ſurvivor of them, in truſt and to and for the uſe and behoof of the child and children of the petitioner, begotten and to be begotten on the body of the ſaid Jane in ſuch manner as the petitioner ſhould, by any deed or inſtrument in writing, or by his laſt will and teſtament in writing, by him duly executed in the preſence of two or more credible witneſſes, give, order, and direct, and for want of ſuch gift, order, and direction, then, in truſt and to and for the uſe and behoof of all and every the child and children of the petitioner

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on the body of the ſaid Jane begotten and to be begotten, in equal proportions, ſhare and ſhare alike, and, in default of ſuch iſſue, unto and to the uſe of the right heirs of the petitioner for ever, and to and for no other uſe, truſt, intent, or purpoſe, whatſoever, the ſeveral proviſions therein made being, and ſhe, the ſaid Jane, did thereby accept of the ſame, in full lieu and bar of dower or thirds to the real eſtate and ſlaves, whereof the petitioner then was or might at any time thereafter be ſeized and poſſeſſed, and it was thereby agreed by and between the parties to thoſe preſents, that if it ſhould ſeem neceſſary to the ſaid truſtees or the ſurvivor of them, or the executors, adminiſtrators, or aſſigns, of ſuch ſurvivor, or the petitioner and Jane his wife, or the ſurvivor of them, ſhould be minded and deſirous to have the monies due and owing and ſecured by the ſaid ſeveral bonds in the ſaid ſchedule A, thereto annexed, or any part thereof, called in and received, and the ſaid ſlaves in the ſaid ſchedule B ſold and diſpoſed of, and the monies ariſing therefrom, or any part thereof, inveſted in any ſtock or fund, or placed out upon any other ſecurity public or private, or laid out in the purchaſe of freehold lands or tenements, in Great-Britain or this iſland, or in the purchaſe of other ſlaves, or to have the ſaid money after it ſhould have been ſo inveſted or placed out, in or upon any other ſtock or fund or other ſecurity or purchaſe as aforeſaid called or taken in again or diſpoſed of in any other manner, and ſhould ſignify ſuch his, her, or their, mind or deſire by writing under his, her, or their, hand or hands, ſigned in the preſence of three or more credible witneſſes, that then the ſaid truſtees or ſurvivor of them, and the executors and adminiſtrators of ſuch ſurvivor, ſhould accordingly call in, ſell, and diſpoſe of, the ſame or any part thereof, and the ſame again to lay out and diſpoſe of in ſuch other ſtock, fund, or ſecurity, public or private, or in the purchaſe of ſuch freehold lands or tenements, in Great-Britain or this iſland, or in ſuch other manner as the petitioner and the ſaid Jane his wife, or the ſurvivor of them, ſhould, by ſuch writing, or any other writing to be ſubſcribed or atteſted as aforeſaid, direct or appoint, which ſaid ſecurities, whether public or private, wherein the ſaid money ſhould be ſo inveſted or placed out, and ſuch lands, ſlaves, and tenements, when purchaſed, ſhould be transferred, aſſigned, conveyed, ſettled, and aſſured, ſo and in ſuch manner as that the ſame, with the dividends, intereſt, rents, iſſues, and profits, thereof, might remain, continue, be applied, and diſpoſed of, to and for and upon the ſame truſts, uſes, intents, and purpoſes, and in ſuch parts and proportions as were therein before directed in the ſaid therein before firſt-mentioned deed of truſt, or as near as the ſame might be, and that in all repects according to the true intent and meaning of thoſe preſents, and it was thereby agreed by and between all the parties to thoſe preſents, that the ſaid truſtees and the ſurvivor of them, and the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, of ſuch ſurvivor, ſhould, or lawfully might, deduct and retain out of the intereſt, rents, iſſues, and profits, of the truſt premiſes, all ſuch ſum and ſums of money, coſts, charges, damages, and expences, which they or any of them ſhould pay, lay out, or be put unto, for or by reaſon or means of the truſt now in recital, or any act, matter, or thing, which ſhould or might be done or happen, in, about, or relating to, the execution thereof or concerning the ſame; and alſo that the ſaid truſtees, and the ſurvivor of them, and the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, or aſſigns, of ſuch ſurvivor or any of them, ſhould not be chargeable for or with the act, receipt, or default, of the other of them, but each for himſelf and his own act, receipt, or default, only and in caſe any loſs ſhould happen with reſpect to the monies ſo ſecured or to be ſecured as aforeſaid or to the ſlaves or any of them or ſuch as ſhould be purchaſed, or the rents, iſſues, and profits of the ſaid ſlaves or any of them, or any other way whatſoever, without the wilful neglect or default of the ſaid truſtees and the ſurvivor of them, and the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, of ſuch ſurvivor, ſuch ſurvivor, and the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſigns, ſhould not be charged with ſuch loſs, or liable to anſwer or make good

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the ſame; and in caſe ſuch loſs ſhould happen through the wilful neglect of the ſaid truſtees, then he or they only who ſhould be guilty ſhould be anſwerable for the ſame:

"That the ſaid Thomas Wynter, ſometime in the month of March, 1789, departed this life, leaving his co-truſtee, George Cuthbert, him ſurviving, who hath ſince departed this life, leaving Joſeph Cuthbert, of the ſtate of Georgia, one of the united ſtates of America, his nephew and heir at law, in whom ſuch part of the ſaid truſt premiſes as is real eſtate is veſted:

"That the ſaid Joſeph Cuthbert, being reſident in a foreign ſtate, and having no attorney in this iſland to repreſent him, the petitioner, in order that the truſts of the ſaid laſt-mentioned indenture ſhould be ſupported and carried into effect, hath frequently applied to the ſaid Joſeph Cuthbert to execute a conveyance and aſſignment of the ſaid truſt premiſes to other truſtees to be named by the petitioner and the ſaid Jane, his wife, which he hath refuſed to do:

"And praying that the Houſe will give leave to bring in a bill for diſcharging the ſaid Joſeph Cuthbert from the truſt of the ſaid laſt-mentioned indenture, and for appointing other truſtees under the ſaid indenture."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. Whitehorne, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of John Hiatt, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner is poſſeſſed of a very conſiderable real and perſonal eſtate in this iſland, of his own acquiring, but has not any legal heirs that can take the ſame by deſcent:

"That the petitioner has natural children, named William Hiatt, Edward Hiatt, and Elizabeth Hiatt, free quadroons; the latter of whom has alſo children, named Thomas Dears and William Dears, by Thomas Dears, late of the ſame pariſh, Eſquire, deceaſed; the ſaid William Hiatt has received a very liberal education in Europe, and the ſaid Edward Hiatt is now there to receive the like education, and where it is the petitioner's intention they ſhall all remain during life:

"That the petitioner is deſirous of making an ample and handſome proviſion for his ſaid children, and grand children; but, by means of an act of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1761, entitled, "An act to prevent the inconveniencies ariſing from exorbitant grants and deviſes made by white perſons to negroes, and the iſſue of negroes, and to reſtrain and limit ſuch grants and deviſes," the petitioner is prevented from making a diſpoſition of his eſtate and effects in their favour, and they are incapable of taking the ſame without the aid of law to remove the incapacity created by the ſaid act above mentioned:

"And praying for leave to bring in a bill to diſpoſe of his eſtate and effects in ſuch manner as he ſhall think proper; and alſo to enable his ſaid natural children, and grand children, and their iſſue, to take hold and enjoy all and every the eſtate and effects which he may, by deed or will, grant, deviſe, or bequeath to them, notwithſtanding the ſaid laſt-mentioned act."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr. Grant, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Fullerton, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of Charles M'Dermott, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, on behalf of Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of the ſaid Charles M'Dermott, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioner's ſaid reputed children have been ſeverally baptized, and ſuch of them as are grown up have been bred up and inſtructed in the principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and in the Communion of the Church of England, as by law eſtabliſhed, and it is intended as the others grow up to initiate them in the ſame principles:

" That the petitioner intends to give his ſaid children not only a good education, but alſo ſuch fortunes as to raiſe them above the level of free people of colour in general:

" That the petitioner's ſaid reputed children, by the unfortunate circumſtances of their births, they being mulattoes, may be ſubject and liable to the ſame pains and penalties as the generality of free people are in this iſland:

" And praying that the Houſe will give leave to bring in a bill for granting to his ſaid natural children and their iſſue the like privileges as have been heretofore granted to perſons in the like circumſtances."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Rennalls, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill, where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland, to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland."

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Bolt have leave of abſence for the remainder of this week.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 2° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell and Mr. Whitehorne be a committee to carry the above bill to the Council and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for adding commiſſioners to thoſe already made a body corporate in and by a certain act, entitled, 'An act for making commiſſioners nominated and appointed in and by an act, entitled, 'An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned,' a body politic and corporate, and to enable them to raiſe a certain ſum of money upon the toll in the ſaid act mentioned, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' and to enable the ſaid corporation to borrow a further ſum of money not exceeding £. 5000 for the purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned; and to enable the ſaid corporation to purchaſe land not exceeding one acre, and to build a toll-houſe thereon," and for adding commiſſioners to the ſaid act; was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

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Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee to whom the petition of Lewis Cuthbert, late of this iſland, but now of the kingdom of Great-Britain, Eſquire, by his attornies, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein ſet forth, and do find they are true, and are of opinion that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Rodon, and Mr. Whitehorne, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

Mr Grant, from the committee to whom the petition of John Hiatt, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, on behalf of his reputed children, William Hiatt, Edward Hiatt, and Elizabeth Hiatt, free quadroons; and of Thomas Dears and William Dears, free muſtees, the reputed children of Thomas Dears, late of the ſame place, Eſquire, deceaſed, by the ſaid Elizabeth Hiatt; was referred, reported that they have enquired into the allegations therein mentioned and find they are true, and are of opinion that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr. Grant, Mr Bolt, and Mr Fullerton, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee to whom the petition of Charles M'Dermott, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, on behalf of Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of the ſaid Charles M'Dermott, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, was referred, reported that the allegations therein ſet forth are true, and are of opinion that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr Fullerton, Mr. Bolt, and Mr. Rennalls, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town and pariſh of Kingſton was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT Robert Hibbert, Eſquire, one of the petitioners repreſentatives, having written a letter to the Speaker of the Houſe, requeſting that his ſeat might be vacated, and having further ſignified by letter to the honourable John Jaques, Eſquire, Cuſtos of this town and pariſh, (which letter is hereunto annexed) that it would not be convenient for him to attend his duty as a repreſentative of this town, the petitioners conceive themſelves not fully repreſented:

" That of ſixteen members, which the county of Surry has by law a right to ſend as repreſentatives to the Houſe, five are abſentees:

" And praying that the Houſe will be pleaſed to vacate the ſeat of Robert Hibbert, Eſquire, as one of our repreſentatives, in order that this town and pariſh may have a full repreſentation according to law."

DEAR

" *DEAR SIR,* *Kingston, 26th July,* 1791.

" SOME urgent buſineſs calling me to England, and having at the ſame time reaſon to believe that my future ſtay in the country will be very uncertain, and that it will be ſo ſhort and at ſuch periods as not to permit me to do my duty as repreſentative of Kingſton, I think it incumbent upon me, in juſtice to my conſtituents, to vacate my ſeat, and I have already, by letter to the Speaker, ſignified my wiſh in this reſpect: I know not whether it is uſual on ſuch occaſions to call a meeting previous to a new writ being iſſued, but this I ſubmit to your better judgment; and, with ſincere wiſhes for your health,

" I remain, very reſpectfully,

" *DEAR SIR,*

" Your moſt obedient ſervant,

" ROBERT HIBBERT."

And a motion being made that the ſeat of Robert Hibbert, Eſquire, be vacated agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition,—

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 14.—Mr. Barton, Mr. Richards, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Grant, Mr Kemeys, Mr. Anderſon, Mr Cockburn, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Wallen, and Mr. Rodon.

Noes, 11 —Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fraſer, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr Vanheelen, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr James Mitchell, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Blake, Mr. Thomſon, Mr. Chief Juſtice, and Mr. William Mitchell.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

A petition of John Spence Brodbelt, ſuperintendent of Scots-Hall, on behalf of Colonel George Gray, a maroon, commanding officer of the maroons in the ſaid town, and in Charles town and Moore-town, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT, during the rebellion in the year 1760, the ſaid Colonel Gray was frequently ſent out with parties, in which time his pay for ſuch ſervice amounted to the ſum of £. 70:

" That accounts for the ſame were made out and certified by Captain Natty, then ſuperintendent of Scot's Hall, and ſometime afterwards were delivered by the ſaid Colonel Gray to William Gray, Eſquire, (whom he chiefly confided in) to obtain payment for the ſame from this Houſe, but he has never to this day received any part thereof, nor can the ſaid Colonel Gray now ſupply the particulars of the ſaid accounts, which were never returned to him by the ſaid William Gray, who, to the time of his death, continued to give him aſſurances of proviſion being made by this Houſe for payment thereof:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland,

A petition of the freeholders and others inhabiting the upper part of the pariſh of St. David was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT, from the late heavy rains, the road leading from Kingſton to Blue-Mountain-Valley, in the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Eaſt, through the upper part of the pariſhes of Port-Royal and St. David, is great part of it entirely deſtroyed, particularly from Mahogany-Vale Gate, near the fording of Yallah's River, leading to Cheſterfield plantation to Belle Vue Gap, in the pariſh of St David, the property of John Halſtead, Eſq.

"The petitioners have for many years been labouring with their ſmall ſtrength to eſtabliſh a road to carry their produce to market in and through the moſt interior part of the iſland, but now, by the late calamity, find themſelves totally inadequate to effect a ſafe paſſage for the ſame:

"And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of, all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

Ordered, That the petition of the magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and freeholders, of the pariſh of Portland, with the diagram now preſented to the Houſe, be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted, or on which tolls have been erected.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe that they have appointed the honourable Thomas Iredell, John Palmer, Thomas Wallen, James Wildman, Nathaniel Beckford, William Lewis, Robert Sewell, John Campbell, William Henry Ricketts, Temple Luttrell, George Crawford Ricketts, and John Scott, Eſquires, to be named commiſſioners in the agency bill."

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati

Sabbati 3° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to give directions for iſſuing a writ to chooſe a repreſentative for the pariſh of Kingſton, in the room of Robert Hibbert, Eſquire, whoſe ſeat the Houſe have vacated."

Ordered, That Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Rodon be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would give directions accordingly.

Mr. Cockburn, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to appoint commiſſioners to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Cockburn, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof due; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Lewis, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted," and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Galbraith, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr.

Mr. Galbraith, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to entitle Suſannah Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley of the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; which was receivedand read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. William Mitchell, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for releaſing and diſcharging Joſeph Cuthbert, Eſquire, from the truſts contained in the indenture or deed of marriage ſettlement of Lewis Cuthbert and Jane his wife, and ſubſequent deed, of date the 16th of May 1780, and for appointing other truſtees, and veſting in them the ſlaves and ſecurities for money mentioned in the ſaid deed and ſettlement, and ſubſequent deed, upon the ſame truſts as are therein contained; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Grant, according to order, preſented the Houſe a bill to enable John Hiatt, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, to ſettle and diſpoſe of his eſtate, both real and perſonal, in this iſland, by deed or will, in ſuch manner as he ſhall think proper, in favour of his natural children, and grand children, and their iſſue, notwithſtanding an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, entitled "An act to prevent the inconveniencies ariſing from exorbitant grants and deviſes made by white perſons to negroes, and the iſſue of negroes, and to reſtrain and limit ſuch grants and deviſes," which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, according to order, preſented ro the Houſe a bill to entitle Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, a free mulatto woman, and Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, Catherine Hermitt, and Ann Hermitt, free quadroons, the children of the ſaid Patience Hermitt, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Fullerton, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to entitle Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Charles M'Dermott, of the pariſh of St Ann, Eſquire, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

Mr. Vanheelen, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to entitle Suſanna Young, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, and William Salmon, John Salmon,

Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Elizabeth Young Salmon, free quadroons, the children of the ſaid Suſanna Young, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time on Monday next.

A petition of Samuel Long, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, Eſquire, the truſtee of John Oliver, of the ſame place, Eſquire, and others, by John Henckell, of the pariſh of Clarendon, Eſquire, his attorney, duly conſtituted and appointed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT, in or about the year 1784, Thomas Wynter, late of the pariſh of St. Catherine, Eſquire, now deceaſed, being then the attorney of the petitioner in his ſaid capacity of truſtee, gave in to the Receiver-General's office of this iſland, an account of the lands in the poſſeſſion of the petitioner, as truſtee aforeſaid, according as the petitioner believes, to the beſt of the judgment, information, and belief, of the ſaid Thomas Wynter at the time, and without any intention, as the petitioner verily believes, to give in an erroneous or defective account, or to defraud or affect his Majeſty's revenue thereby:

"That, on death of the ſaid Thomas Wynter, in or about the month of April 1789, the ſaid John Henckell immediately ſucceeded as the petitioner's attorney in his ſaid capacity of truſtee, and, early in the month of May enſuing, in conformity with a certain act of Aſſembly then in force, applied at the office of the Receiver-General for accounts of all quit-rents due for lands belonging to the reſiduary deviſees of Samuel Long deceaſed, that were given in and paid for, as he underſtood, in the year 1768, the ſaid John Henckell being utterly unapprized of the accounts rendered by the deceaſed Thomas Wynter in the year 1784:

"That the ſaid Receiver-General, as ſoon as the buſineſs of office permitted, furniſhed him with an account, compiled from the erroneous accounts of the ſaid Thomas Wynter, which the ſaid John Henckell inſtantly paid, concluding that the ſaid accounts were compiled in conformity with the laſt payment in the year 1768:

"That the petitioner hath hereto annexed an account, received by the ſaid John Henckell from the ſaid Receiver-General's office, of lands belonging to the ſaid reſiduary deviſees of the ſaid Samuel Long, deceaſed, which were omitted to be given in by the ſaid Thomas Wynter:

"That the Receiver-General of the ſaid iſland hath informed the ſaid John Henckell, the petitioner's attorney in his ſaid capacity, that he conceives himſelf bound to inſiſt on the petitioner's paying intereſt at the rate of twelve per cent. from the time of the laſt payment of quit-rents for the lands, ſo omitted to be given in by the ſaid Thomas Wynter, and that he is not entitled to make the deduction of fifteen per cent without the ſanction of the Houſe; whereas, if the ſaid Thomas Wynter had given in a correct account of the lands belonging to the deviſees of the ſaid Samuel Long, in purſuance of the inſtructions given to him by the petitioner, the petitioner, as truſtee aforeſaid, would not have been ſubject to pay the twelve per cent.; and if the ſaid quit-rents had been paid on or before the 28th day of May 1789, the petitioner would have been entitled to the ſaid diſcount of fifteen per cent. which makes altogether a difference of £. 200 and upwards in the account

of the quit-rents due for the ſaid land, ſo omitted to be given in by the ſaid Thomas Wynter:

"Inaſmuch, therefore, as the petitioner, as truſtee aforeſaid, being an abſentee from this iſland, is in no wiſe chargeable with any perſonal neglect, and the omiſſion of the ſaid Thomas Wynter aroſe ſolely from miſtake:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 14) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of William Lane, Eſquire, Captain of the Apoſtles Battery, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner, ſince his appointment to the command of the ſaid battery, has conſtantly reſided there, and paid the utmoſt attention to the charge entruſted to him:

"That the ſum of £. 100, uſually granted by this Houſe, is due to the petitioner for that ſervice:

"And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above two petitions and account be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A petition of ſundry freeholders of the pariſh of St. Catherine was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the preſent road of communication between the bridge of Saint Jago de la Vega and the road leading to Dry Sugar-work, and which is marked in the annexed diagram, is, during every ſeaſon, almoſt impaſſable as well for carriages as for horſe and foot paſſengers:

"That, when the Rio Cobre is out and the Sixteen Mile-Walk bridge is overflowed, the ſaid road is the only communication between the St Catherine's Hills, the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Vale, the Government Mountain, and the ſaid town of St. Jago de la Vega:

"That the ſaid road, though of no conſiderable length, is of a ſoft, ſwampy, black, moraſſy, ſubſtance, which yields immediately to the impreſſion of the rains, and cannot be made conveniently paſſable for any continuance without being in many parts fagotted and covered with ſtone and other durable materials, which could not be obtained without a much greater expence and labour of negroes than the proprietors of lands in the neighbourhood (who are chiefly ſmall ſettlers) are in circumſtances to incur:

"And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into, and reporting the preſent ſtate of, all public

public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for appointing an Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, and for empowering certain members of the Council and Aſſembly of this iſland, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Chief Juſtice, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill, where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for appointing Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, and for empowering the members of his Majeſty's Council, the Speaker and the members of the Aſſembly, for the time being, reſident in the iſland, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Grant took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Grant, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. James Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. James Mitchell, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where, being again read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act to regulate and explain proceedings by foreign attachment."

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House upon the bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act for adding commissioners to those already made a body corporate in and by a certain act, entitled, 'An act for making commissioners nominated and appointed in and by an act, entitled, 'An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' a body politic and corporate, and to enable them to raise a certain sum of money upon the toll in the said act mentioned, and for other purposes therein mentioned;' and to enable the said corporation to borrow a further sum of money not exceeding £ 5000 for the purposes in the said act mentioned; and to enable the said corporation to purchase land not exceeding one acre, and to build a toll-house thereon," and for adding commissioners to the said act.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whitehorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Whitehorne, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

And a motion being made, and the question put, that the said report be received now,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then Mr. Whitehorne, in his place, read the said amendments and delivered them in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be "An act to explain and amend an act, entitled, 'An act for adding commissioners to those already made a body corporate in and by a certain act, entitled, 'An act for making commissioners nominated and appointed in and by an act, entitled, 'An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' a body politic and corporate, and to enable them to raise a certain sum of money upon the toll in the said act mentioned, and for other purposes therein mentioned;' and to enable the said corporation to borrow a further sum of money not exceeding £. 5000 for

for the purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, and to enable the ſaid corporation to purchaſe land not exceeding one acre, and to build a toll-houſe thereon,' and for adding commiſſioners to the ſaid act."

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe the accounts and papers annexed, and which are all that have as yet come to his hands."

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA to the OFFICERS of his Majeſty's Royal Regiment of Artillery for Lodging-Money, from the firſt of December 1790, to the 30th of November 1791, both days included.

Lt. Col.	Philip Martin, from 1ſt Dec. to 30th Nov. at £. 50 per ann.	£. 50		
Captain	Alexander Shand, from 6th Jan. to ditto, at £. 20 per ann.	18		6½
	John Ramſey, from 1ſt Dec. 1790, to 18th July, 1791 -	12	12	¼
	Henry Thompſon, from ditto to 30th Nov. - -	20		
	Edward Stehelin, from ditto to ditto - - -	20		
	Charles Cookſon, from 20th June to ditto - -	8	19	8½
Lieut.	William Walker, from firſt Dec. to 17th Oct. - -	17	11	9¼
	Richard Hamilton, from ditto to 11th Auguſt - -	13	15	7½
	Thomas Bradbridge, from ditto to 30th Nov. - -	20		
	John Bentham, from 26th Dec to ditto - -	18	15	4
	William Dickſon, from ditto to ditto - -	18	15	4
Surgeon	M'Millan Jameſon, from 1ſt Dec to 25th July -	12	19	8
Mate	James Shaw, from ditto to 30th Nov. - -	20		
	Richard Burk, from ditto to ditto - -	20		
		£. 271	10	

Jamaica ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the iſland aforeſaid, Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, of the Royal Artillery, and made oath, that the above account of lodging-money for himſelf and officers of his Majeſty's Royal Artillery, is a juſt and true account; there being no barracks allowed by the country for them at Port-Royal.

PHILIP MARTIN, *Lt. Col. Royal Artillery.*

Sworn before me, this 14th November 1791. } ROBERT WOOD.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA to the OFFICERS of his Majesty's 1st (or the Royal) Regiment of Foot, for Lodging-Money, from the 9th of February to the 30th of November 1791.

		£	s	d
Commanding officer, from 9th Feb. to 30th Nov.		40	8	2½
Captain Duncan, from ditto to 3d May		3	18	10¾
Lieut. Nicholson, from 18th July to 30th Nov.		7	9	¼
Puxley, from 9th Feb. to ditto		15	17	9¾
Clunes, sen. from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Skelly, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Duncan, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Enſign M'Kellar, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Qr Maſ. Davidſon, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Mate Bolton, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Lieut. Douglas, from ditto to 31ſt March		2	15	10¾
Surgeon Young, from ditto to ditto		2	15	10¾
Captain Manooch, from ditto to 10th May		4	19	8¾
Fraſer, from ditto to 5th June		6	8	¾
Sir William Cockburn, from ditto to 10th Nov.		15	1	4¼
Enſign Erſkine, from ditto to ditto		15	1	4¼
Lieut. Clunes, jun. from ditto to 20th Nov.		15	12	3¾
Captain Irvine, from 6th April to 30th Nov		13		9¾
Enſign Smith, from 13th July to ditto		7	14	6¼
Lieut. Edwards, from 24th Auguſt to 10th Nov.		4	6	6¼
Enſign Spencer, from 24th Sept. to 30th Nov.		3	14	6¼

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Enſign Pleydell, from 9th Feb. to 30th Nov.		15	17	9¾
Roſs, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Galloway, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Gould, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Murray, from ditto to ditto		15	17	6¾
Mate Wright, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¼
Mapother, from ditto to ditto		15	17	9¾
Enſign Mvrie, from ditto to 10th July		8	16	5¼
Chaplain Campbell, from 11th March to 30th Nov.		14	10	4¾
Mate Gordon, from 1ſt Nov. 1790, to ditto 1791		17	10	8¼
	£	422	11	10½
Deduct		14	10	4¾
	£	408	1	5¾

PERSONALLY

Jamaica, ff.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the iſland aforeſaid, Juſtly Watſon Green, Eſquire, Major commanding the 1ſt or Royal regiment of foot, and maketh oath that the amount of lodging-money for himſelf and officers is juſt and true; there being no barracks furniſhed them at Up-park.

J. W. GREEN, *Major of 1ſt or Royals.*

Sworn before me this 2d day of December, 1791. } PETER BRETON.

LODGING ACCOUNT for Brigade Major MANNOOCH.

From May 11 to Dec. 30, 1791, at 50*l.* per annum, - - - - £. 27 18 11

Jamaica, ff.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, one his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the iſland aforeſaid, Captain Mannooch of the Royals, late Major of Brigade, and maketh oath that the above account is juſt and true; there being no barracks furniſhed for him by the iſland.

FRANCIS MANNOOCH.

Sworn before me this 30th day of November, 1791. } A. GALBRAITH.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA to the OFFICERS of his Majeſty's 10th (or North Lincoln) Regiment of Foot, for Lodging-Money, from the 1ſt of December 1790, to the 13th of April 1791, both inclusive.

Major	Lachlan M'Lachlan, from Dec. 1 to April 13, at 50*l.* per ann.	£.	18	6 11
	John Barker, from ditto to ditto - -		7	6 10
Captain	Sir Richard Baſſett, from ditto to ditto - -		7	6 10
	John Wemyſs, from ditto to ditto - -		7	6 10
	Henry De Berniere, from ditto to ditto - -		7	6 10
Lieut.	John Blair, from ditto to 31ſt Jan. - -		3	7 11½
	Solomon Holmes, from ditto to 31ſt March - -		6	12 7½
	William Hamill, from ditto to 13th April - -		7	6 10
	Thomas Hall, from ditto to ditto - -		7	6 10
	Thomas Lucas, from ditto to 31ſt Jan. - -		3	7 11½
	William P. Diſmore, from ditto to 13th April - -		7	6 10
	Philip Stewart, from ditto to ditto - -		7	6 10
	John Borland, from ditto to 31ſt March - -		6	12 7½
	Kennerſby Kirby, from 20th Dec. to 13th April -		6	5 10
	Carried over,	£.	103	8 7

Brought

		£.		
	Brought over, -	103	8	9
Enſign	George Canning, from 1ſt Dec. to 13th April - -	7	6	10
	Robert M'Gregor, from ditto to ditto - -	7	6	10
	Saluſbury Cade, from ditto to 9th April - -	7	2	4
	George Collis, from ditto to 13th April - -	7	6	10
	Jacob J. Hyton, from ditto to ditto - -	7	6	10
	Andrew Patton, from ditto to ditto, - - -	7	6	10
Surgeon	Archibald Menzies, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
Mate	Gavin Dryden, from ditto to 31ſt March - -	6	12	7½
Act. En.	Roſs, from ditto to April 13 - - -	7	6	10
	Halſtead, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Barton, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Dance, from ditto to ditto - - - -	7	6	10
	Wallen, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Dallas, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Veitch, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Lane, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
Iſld Mate	Robinſon, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Johnſton, from ditto to ditto - - -	7	6	10
	Shean, from ditto to ditto - - - -	7	6	10
D. Chap.	Reverend Thomas Warren, from ditto to ditto -	7	6	10
		£. 249	6	6½

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the iſland aforeſaid, Lachlan M'Lachlan, Eſquire, Major commanding his Majeſty's 10th (or North Lincoln) regiment of foot, and maketh oath, that the within account of lodging-money is juſt and true for the officers of his Majeſty's 10th (or North Lincoln) regiment of foot, there being no barracks for them in Spaniſh-Town.

LACHLAN M'LACHLAN, *Major 10th reg.*

Sworn before me this 2d day of November, 1791. } JOHN WEIR.

THE PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To Spaniſh-Town Waggonage, belonging to JAMES JONES, *Dr.*

1791.			
Feb. 15.	To the hire of a waggon for a day to Port Henderſon, for carrying two companies of the 10th regiment's baggage	£. 5	
	Carried forward	£. 5	

Brought

	Brought forward, -	£. 5
Mar. 29.	To the hire of the following waggons and wains for removing the 10th regiment's baggage:	
	Hire of a waggon and wain to Port-Henderſon for a day -	7 10
	To the hire of three waggons and a wain to Stoney-Hill for a night and a day - - -	33
31.	To the hire of two waggons to Stoney-Hill, ditto -	16 10
April 2.	To the hire of two ditto and a wain to ditto, ditto -	24 15
9.	To ditto of four waggons to ditto, ditto - -	33
13.	To ditto of three ditto, taking the remainder of the 10th regiment's baggage to Stoney-Hill - - -	24 15
		£. 144 10

Jamaica ſſ.

Memorandum. PERSONALLY appeared before me Joſeph William Pitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, in the county of Middleſex, and iſland aforeſaid, Gentleman, and made oath on the holy Evangeliſts that the above account of waggonage is juſt and true in every particular, and that the charges for the ſame are at the uſual and cuſtomary rates, and that no part thereof hath been paid, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH WILLIAM PITT.

Swern before me this 24th day of November, 1791. } W. MITCHELL.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

TO CRAWLE ESTATE, *Dr.*

1790. *April.*	Ten waggons ſent to Kingſton with the 14th regiment's baggage	£. 82 10

Jamaica ſſ.
St Catherine. }

PERSONALLY came before me George Henry Gibbons, who, being duly ſworn, made oath, and ſaid, that the above account is juſt and true, and the charge made is reaſonable, and as uſual,

G. H. GIBBONS.

Swern before me, this 1ſt day of November 1791. } J. M. DWYER.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

TO CRAWLE ESTATE, *Dr.*

1791 *Mar.* 29.	To two waggons to Stoney-Hill with the 10th regiment's baggage	£. 16 10

Jamaica ſſ. }
St. Catherine. }

PERSONALLY came before me Thomas Greenſword, of this pariſh, Gentleman, who, being duly ſworn, depoſeth and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true; and that the charge therein made is conformable to the uſual rate of waggonage.

T. GREENSWORD.

Sworn before me this 7th day of November, 1791. } J. M. DWYER.

An ACCOUNT of ſundry Diſburſements attending the Repairs of the Barracks, Hoſpital, and Bake-Houſe, at Stoney-Hill, between the 8th of April, 1791, and the 24th Day of June following, *viz.*

1791.				
April 8.	To four puncheons of lime - - -	£.	2	15
	To carriage of lime from Kingſton to the barracks -		4	
	To paid eight maſons, eight days each, for repairing the jambs of the doors and windows, and white-waſhing the whole of the barracks, hoſpital, &c. - - - -		6	
	To building a bake-houſe, ſhingling and repairing the roof of the oven	5	2	6
		£. 17	17	6

W. HAMILL, *Lieut. Act Qr. Maſt. 10th reg.*
Stoney-Hill, 24th June, 1791.

RECEIVED the above in full from Major Barker.

W. HAMILL, *Lieut. 10th Foot.*

To his Excellency THOMAS EARL *of* EFFINGHAM, *Governor and Commander in Chief*, &c. &c. *of the iſland of Jamaica.*

The MEMORIAL of Captain Sir RICHARD BASSETT, Knight, of his Majeſty's 10th Regiment, quartered at Lucea Barracks, October 1, 1791.

" HUMBLY SHEWETH,

" THAT the honourable Aſſembly, in conſideration of the great expence that the company quartered here would be at for firewood, have granted to the commanding officers here before £. 75 per annum:

" Your memorialiſt humbly requeſts that your Excellency will be pleaſed to lay this before the honourable Houſe, that he may receive ſaid ſum to reimburſe him for money ſo expended:

" Your

" Your memorialiſt therefore humbly ſubmits the ſame to your Excellency's conſideration.

RICHARD BASSETT, *Capt.* 10*th Foot.*

Contingent ACCOUNT of the Lieutenant-General for Robert Murray Keith's Company, quartered at Lucea, from Feb. 20 to Aug. 20, 1791, incluſive.

	£.	s.	d.
To Candles for the hoſpital and guard-houſe -	4	9	2
To caſh advanced for baggage carriage - -		13	4
To poſtage for letters - - -		2	6
To ſtationary for regimental letters and courts-martial -		13	4
	£. 7	16	4

I KNOW this to be a juſt account.

RICHARD BASSETT.

To MAINTENANCE of two MULES, for the Uſe of the Officers Meſs and Hoſpital of the 10th (or North Lincoln) Regiment of Foot, from April 8, 1791, to June 24 following, both Days incluſive.

To maintenance of two mules, at 2*s.* 6*d.* each per day - £. 19 10

LACHLAN M'LACHLAN, *Major,* 10*th reg.*

THE PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To his Majeſty's 10th (or North Lincoln) Regiment of Foot, *Dr.*

1791.		£.	s.	d.
Sept. 16.	To boat-hire from Kingſton to Fort-Auguſta, and back again, with 4 barrels of ball-cartridges and entrenching tools -	£.	10	
	To two drays from Kingſton to Stoney-Hill barracks with the above at 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each - - - -		2 13	4
		£. 3	3	4

JOHN BARKER, *Major, Capt. com.* 10*th reg.*

The

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA, to his Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, for the Carriage of Baggage, Clothing, Ammunition, &c. *Dr.*

1791.				
Feb. 16.	To one waggon with baggage from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson, on the two companies embarking for the north side	£.	2	15
April 1.	To one wain to carry baggage from ditto to Stoney-Hill -		3	5
	To one dray ditto ditto - - - -		1	14 7
15.	To 118 drays from the foot of Stoney Hill to the barracks, 13*s.* 4*d.* per dray - - - - -		78	13 4
19.	To 16 drays from Kingston to Stoney-Hill, with clothing, regimental appointments, and hospital bedding, &c. -		21	6 8
June 1.	To boat-hire from Kingston to Fort-Augusta, and back to Kingston, with 4 barrels of gunpowder, - -			10
		£	108	4 7

JOHN BARKER, *Maj. & Capt. com.* 10*th reg.*

The Quarter-Master having paid the above-mentioned sums out of his own pocket upwards of eight months ago, it is humbly submitted whether he ought not to be allowed interest for that time.

His MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To WILLIAM DALLAS, *Dr.*

April 9.	Conveying the baggage of the the 14th regiment, *viz*,		
	Six waggon-loads from Up-Park-Camp to the Ordnance-Wharf, at 40*s* - - - -	£.	12
	48 dray-loads from ditto to ditto, at 8*s.* 9*d.* - -		21
	48 ditto from Kingston barracks to ditto, at 3*s.* 9*d.* -		9
		£.	42

I DO certify that the waggons and drays, as above specified, were employed for the above-mentioned purpose.

JOHN LANGTON, *Qr. Mast. 14th reg.*

RECEIVED payment of the above account.

WILLIAM DALLAS.

ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT of Carriage of Baggage of his Majeſty's 19th or Firſt Yorkſhire North Riding Regiment of Foot from Stoney-Hill to Greenwich.

1791				
April 8.	To 6 waggons, at 4*l.* - - -	£. 24		
	To 32 draws, at 1*l.* 5*s.* - - -	40		
	To 18 draws, at 7*s.* 6*d.* from Kingſton to Greenwich -	6	15	
	To boat-hire at different times - - -	3	15	
		£. 74	10	

I CERTIFY the above account to be juſt.

JAMES COATES, *Lieut. Col.*

RECEIVED, from William Dunlop, Eſquire, Agent General, the ſum of £. 74 : 10, being in full of the within account.

W. M'CLAREN, *Qr. Maſt. 19th reg.*

THE PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To JOHN MORRISON, *Dr.*

1791.					
Feb. 23.	To wharfage of the following articles belonging to his Majeſty's 19th regiment, *viz.*				
	Two large trunks, at 5*s.* - - -		10		
	Eighteen bundles of baggage, &c. at 1*s.* 8*d.* -		1	10	
April 8.	To hire of a ſtore for the uſe of ſaid regiment, from Feb. 23 laſt to this date, at 60*l.* per annum - -		7	11	2¾
		£. 9	11	2¾	

I BELIEVE the above to be a juſt account.

JOHN M'GILL, *Maj. 19th reg. Brev. Lieut Col.*

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me William M'Robbie, who made oath and ſaid, that he believes the above account to be juſt, and the charges reaſonable.

WILLIAM M'ROBBIE.

Sworn before me this 7th day of November, 1791. } JOHN CLINTON M'ANUFF.

The PETITION of Lieutenant STEWART, commanding a Detachment from his Majeſty's 10th Regiment quartered at Fort-George, Port-Antonio.

" SHEWETH,

" THAT, on his arrival at Fort-George, he was informed the ſoldiers who had been quartered there for ſeveral years paſt had been particularly ſubject to be afflicted by fevers and agues:

" That, enquiring the probable cauſe of theſe diſeaſes, he had every reaſon to ſuppoſe they originated from the neceſſity thoſe ſoldiers were under of expoſing themſelves to the viciſſitude of weather in procuring wood and water:

" That, having ſtated his ideas on this ſubject to Major M'Lachlan, then commanding the 10th regiment, he received a letter from him, ſaying, " That having conſulted ſeveral of his friends, members of the honourable Houſe, it was their advice a contract ſhould be entered into with ſome perſon in the neighbourhood for ſupplying the detachment with thoſe neceſſary articles;" in conſequence of which advice, the petitioner advertiſed to receive propoſals of contract for ſupplying the ſame; and, chooſing an oſtenſible perſon from amongſt thoſe whoſe propoſals were moſt reaſonable, agreed to allow him eleven ſhillings and three pence per cord, for wood, and four ſhillings per puncheon, for water:

" The good effect of this contract has been conſpicuous in the health enjoyed by the preſent detachment, which may be ſaid ſcarcely to have felt thoſe diſaſters which formerly were ſo common:

" The petitioner requeſts that a ſum equivalent to the expenditure of one puncheon of water per day, and one cord of wood per week, at the rate before mentioned, from the 28th day of March laſt, be allowed him to defray the expences incurred by the ſaid contract:

" And the petitioner further requeſts the honourable Houſe to take into conſideration the expediency of having the detachment at Fort-George ſupplied in future with thoſe articles at the expence of the iſland, either by continuing the ſaid contract, or by any other means which the Houſe, in its wiſdom, may think proper.

P. STEWART.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To the 62d Regiment, *Dr*,

To paid rent for a houſe at Port-Royal, as a ſtore for the clothing and regimental baggage of the 62d regiment, from Dec 1, 1790, to April 23, 1791, at 60*l*. per annum, being the rate allowed in former account	£. 23	17 3
Carried forward, -	£. 23	17 3

Brought

		£.	s.	d.
	Brought forward, -	£. 23	17	3
To paid for lime and bruſhes to white-waſh the barracks at Spaniſh-Town, by order of General Williamſon, and ſix men's labour for one day, at 5s. each - - - - -		2	15	3
To paid for 600 bricks and 9 tubs of lime, to heighten and repair the walls at ſeveral places round the barracks, to prevent the ſoldiers from going over, and one man's labour two days, at 5s. - -		3	7	6
To paid for the hire of a cart going to Fort-Auguſta for the clothing and baggage of recruits landed there from on board the Scipio -		1		
To paid for 18 quires of paper, for cartridges, - -			16	9½
To paid for twine and thread - - - -			3	11
		£. 32	0	8½

WILL. WYBRANTS, *Capt. com.* 62d.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA to the OFFICERS of his Majeſty's 62d (or Wilts) Regiment of Foot, for LODGING-MONEY from the 1ſt Day of December 1790, to the 30th day of November 1791, both Days incluſive.

Lt. Col.	Charles Horneck, Port-Royal, from Dec. 1, 1790, to March 22, 1790 at 50*l.* per ann. - - -	£.	15	6	10
Com. Of.	Captain William Wybrants, ditto and Spaniſh-Town, from March 23, 1791, to Nov. 30, 1791, at 50*l.* per ann. -		34	13	2
Captain	William Wybrants, Port-Royal, Dec. 1, 1790, to March 22, 1791, at 20*l.* per ann. - - - -		6	2	7½
	Trevor Hull, Apoſtles-Battery and Spaniſh-Town, from ditto to Nov. 30, at ditto - - - -		20		
	William Cuningham, Port-Royal and ditto, from ditto to ditto		20		
	Richard Jones, Spaniſh-Town, from April 8 to ditto		12	8	5
Lieut.	George Harvey, Apoſtles-Battery and ditto, from Dec. 17, 1790, to do.		19	2	5½
	William Oldham, Port-Royal and ditto, from Dec. 1 to ditto		20		
	James Fiſher, Apoſtles-Battery and ditto, from ditto to Sept. 7, 1791		15	7	8½
	John Symmers, ditto and ditto, from ditto to Nov. 30 -		20		
	Edward E. White, Port-Royal and ditto, from ditto to June 3		10	2	8½
	James Blackwell, ditto and ditto, from ditto to Nov. 30		20		
Enſign	Richard Burnell, ditto and ditto, from ditto to ditto -		20		
	Walter Croker, Apoſtles-Battery and ditto, from ditto to ditto		20		
	Chriſtopher Caulfield, ditto and ditto, from ditto to ditto		20		
	Francis Hardwick, Spaniſh-Town, from April 18, 1791, to ditto		12	8	5
	Carried over -	£.	285	12	2

Brought

		Brought over -	£. 285	12	2
Adjutant	Robert Abraham, Port-Royal and ditto, from Dec. 1, 1790, to ditto		20		
Surgeon	Alexander Moodie, ditto and ditto, from ditto to ditto -		20		
Mate	Joſeph Alder, Spaniſh-Town, from Feb. 19 to ditto -		15	11	
I. S. Mate	George Henderſon, Port-Royal, from Oct. 27, 1790, to ditto		21	18	4½
	Alexander Robertſon, Spaniſh-Town, from April, 10 1791, to ditto		12	17	3
	Henry Jaffray, ditto, from June 1, to ditto -		10		6
		£	386		5½

Jamaica, ff.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the iſland aforeſaid, Captain William Wybrants, commanding the 62d (or Wilts) regiment of foot, and made oath, that the above account of lodging-money for himſelf and officers of the 62d regiment of foot is a juſt and true account, there being no barracks allowed by the country for them at Port-Royal, Twelve-Apoſtles-Battery, and Spaniſh-Town.

WILLIAM WYBRANTS, *Cap. com. 62d reg.*

Sworn before me this 25th *day of November*, 1791. } J. M. DWYER.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA to the OFFICERS of his Majeſty's 62d (or Wilt's) Regiment of Foot, quartered at the Twelve Apoſtles Battery, for additional LODGING-MONEY from Dec. 1, 1790, to Feb. 18, 1791.

Captain	Trevor Hull - - - - -	£. 9 16 8
Lieuten.	George Hewey, from Dec. 17 to Feb. 18 -	7 17 4
	James Fiſher, from Dec. 1 to ditto - -	9 16 8
	John Symmers - - -	9 16 8
Enſign	Walter Croker - - - -	9 16 8
	Charles Caulfield - - -	9 16 8
		£. 57 0 8

" *SIR*,

" THERE being no quarters for the officers doing duty at the Twelve Apoſtles Battery, they were obliged to take a room each in the lodging-houſe at Port-Henderſon, at the uſual rate of 25*s.* per week:

" That, the annual allowance being only £. 20 per annum, his late Excellency the Earl of Effingham was pleaſed to take into his Lordſhip's conſideration the additional lodging-money, and ordered the payment of it to 30th November, 1790, the time all public accounts were cloſed to, otherwiſe the officers would have been obliged to have paid it out of their ſubſiſtence:

" I therefore

" I therefore hope your Honour will be pleaſed to take the ſame into conſideration, and allow the additional lodging-money from December 1, 1790, to February 18, 1791, the time the companies were ordered to Spaniſh-Town.

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

To his Honour the
LIEUT. GOVERNOR, *&c.*

WILL. WYBRANTS, *Capt. com. 62d reg.*

His MAJESTY's 62d Regiment,

To JOHN MORISON, *Dr.*

1791				
April 17.	To freight, wharfage, and wainage, from Fort-Auguſta to Spaniſh-Town			
	20 middling cheſts at 7/6, 10 large at 12/6 -	£.	13	15
	6 large trunks at 10/, 12 middling at 7/6 -		7	10
	6 ſmall ditto at 3/4, 43 bundles of bedding at 3/4 -		8	3 4
	6 boxes at 3/4, 3 barrels at 2/11, 8 chairs at 1/10½ -		2	3 9
	3 tables at 5/, 3 kegs, 5 large iron pots, and 3 goats, 18/9		1	13 9
22.	To ditto from Fort-Charles to Spaniſh-Town,			
	A large medicine cheſt 20/, 15 large cheſts at 12/6 -		10	7 6
	5 middling cheſts at 7/6 - -		1	17 6
	6 ſmall ditto and 6 boxes at 3/4 - -		2	
	5 large trunks at 10/, 6 large bales at 12/6 - -		6	5
	8 middling bales at 10/ - - -		4	
	4 tables at 5/, 7 chairs at 1/10½ - -		1	13 1½
	7 barrels and 3 large baſkets at 2/11 - -		1	9 2
	2 middling caſes at 7/6 - - -			15
	A large bread trough 12/6, a large tub 2/6 -			15
	51 Camp-kettles at 10*d.* - -		2	4 2
23.	2 ditto at 10*d.* a bathing tub 7/6 - -			9 2
	3 tierces at 10/, 8 large trunks at 10/ - - -		5	10
	15 middling trunks at 7/6 - - -		5	12 6
	3 ſmall ditto at 3/4 - - -			10
	18 large cheſts at 12/6 - - -		11	5
	45 middling ditto at 7/6 - - -		16	17 6
	37 ſmall ditto and boxes at 3/4 - -		6	3 4
	14 middling hampers at 5/ - - -		3	10
	2 large ditto at 7/6 - - -			15
	26 bundles bedding at 3/4 - - -		4	6 8
	Carried over -	£.		

		£.		
	Brought over, -		5	
April 23.	14 barrels at 2/11 - - - -	2		10
	3 camp-beds at 5/, 5 bedſteads at 6/8 - - -	2	8	4
	14 tables at 2/6 - - -	1	15	
	12 ditto at 5/ - - - -	3		
	54 chairs at 1/10½ - - - -	5	1	3
	3 large cheſts of medicines at 20/, one cupboard 7/6 -	3	7	6
	3 large bales 12/6 - - - -	1	17	6
24.	To hire of a boat from Port-Henderſon to Fort-Charles with Lieut. Oldham - - - -		3	9
25.	To a paſſage from Fort-Charles to Port-Henderſon for 29 ſick ſoldiers at 7½*d.* - - -		18	1½
	To carriage from Fort-Charles to Spaniſh-Town, as above,			
	2 iron cheſts at 10/ - - -	1		
	A barrel 2/11, a bed 5/ - - -		7	11
	A bedſtead 6/8 - - -		6	8
	7 middling hampers at 5/ - -	1	15	
	15 boxes at 3/4, 13 bundles of bedding at 3/4 -	4	13	4
	6 camp kettles at 10*d.* - - -		5	
	6 chairs at 1/10½, 3 iron pots at 1/3 - - -		15	
	3 tables at 3/4 - - - - -		10	
	6 middling trunks at 7/6 - - -	2	5	
	6 ditto cheſts at 7/6 - - -	2	5	
	3 large ditto at 12/6 - - -	1	17	6
	To a paſſage from Fort-Charles to Port-Henderſon for 2 officers and 14 ſoldiers at 7½*d.* - - -		11	3
		£. 156	15	5

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me William M'Robbie, who made oath and ſaid, that he believes the above account to be juſt and the charges reaſonable.

WILLIAM M'ROBBIE.

Sworn before me this 7th day of November, 1791. } JOHN CLINTON M'ANUFF.

I HAVE examined the above account, and believe it to be juſt.

WILL. WYBRANTS, *Capt. com. 62d. reg.*

The

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To ROBERT WETHERELL, *Dr.*

For ſupplying the troops at Fort-Charles with freſh water, from the 12th November, 1790, to the 31ſt October, 1791, incluſive,—4614 puncheons, 100 gallons each, at 1*s.* 10½*d.* - - £. 432 11 3

I certify, that Robert Wetherell has ſupplied his Majeſty's troops at Fort-Charles with 4614 puncheons, of 100 gallons each, of good and wholeſome water, between the 12th November, 1790, and the 31ſt of October, 1791.

THOMAS MULCASTER, *Capt. of Fort-Charles.*

For ſupplying the troops at Fort-Auguſta with freſh water, from the 12th November, 1790, to the 31ſt October, 1791,—4920 puncheons, 100 gallons each, at 1*s.* 10½*d.* - - - 461 5

I certify, that Robert Wetherell has ſupplied his Majeſty's troops at Fort-Auguſta with 4920 puncheons, of 100 gallons each, of good and wholeſome water, between the 12th of November, 1790, and the 31ſt of October, 1791.

CLOT. DOBBIN, *Capt. Fort-Auguſta.*

For ſupplying the troops at the Apoſtles-Battery with freſh water, from the 12th of November, 1790, to the 31ſt of October, 1791,—542 puncheons, 100 gallons each, at 1*s.* 10½*d.* - - 50 16 3

£. 944 12 6

PERSONALLY appeared before me Robert Wetherell, and made oath, that the above accounts are juſt and true.

R. WETHERELL.

Sworn before me this 16th day of November, 1791. } W. JACKSON.

RECEIVED of Robert Wetherell, contractor for ſupplying his Majeſty's troops with freſh water, 265 puncheons of 100 gallons each, of good and wholeſome water, for the troops quartered at the Apoſtles-Battery, from the 12th of November, 1790, to the 20th of February, 1791.

W. OLDHAM, *Lieut. & Qr. Maſt. 62d reg.*

RECEIVED of Robert Wetherell, contractor for ſupplying his Majeſty's troops with freſh water, 277 puncheons, of 100 gallons each, of good and wholeſome water, for the troops quartered at the Apoſtles-Battery, from the 23d of February to the 31ſt of October, 1791.

THOMAS HUNT, *Act. Qr. Maſt. 10th reg.*

His

His MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To WILLIAM BAILEY, *Dr.*

1791.
Nov 16. To hire of two wherries and ten negroes, attending his Majeſty's troops quartered at Fort-Auguſta, from November 22, 1790, to this date, both days inclusive, 360 days, at 15*s.* each per day £. 540

WILLIAM NAPIER, *Capt. com. 13th reg.*

Jamaica, ſſ.
Kingſton.

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, Joſeph Armitage, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, who made oath, that the above account is juſt and true, and that no part of the above has been paid, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH ARMITAGE.

Sworn before me this 22d day of November, 1791. } JAMES CLARK.

FORT-GEORGE,

To NESBIT CORR TYRRELL, *Dr.*

1791.
July 2. For ſupplying his Majeſty's troops quartered therein with wood and water, from the 28th of March to the above date, as per receipt book delivered - - - - £. 26 9 6

The above is a true account.

P. STEWART, *Lieut. 10th reg.*

Jamaica. ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Neſbitt Corr Tyrrell, of the pariſh of Portland, Eſquire, and made oath, that the above account for ſupplying the troops quartered at Fort-George with wood and water, amount thereof £. 26 : 9 : 6, is juſtly due to him.

NESBITT CORR TYRRELL.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of October, 1791. } GEORGE MINOT.

ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE of ſundry REPAIRS and ADDITIONS wanted at the Barracks at Stoney-Hill, Fort-Auguſta, Port-Royal, Apoſtles-Battery, Spaniſh-Town, Fort-Small, Rock-fort, Kingſton Barracks, and the Barracks at Fort-Charlotte, Lucea.

STONEY-HILL.

Making an addition of 40 feet to the hoſpital, for the accommodation of more men; building a room for placing the dead before interment; making a guard-room; building a croſs wall, and making a black-hole for confining of diſorderly men; ſtone rigging and plaſtering officers meſs-room to render it more cool; making 14 pair of ſaſhes for officers meſs-room and balcony; building a brick magazine; building a bake-houſe and oven; building a proviſion ſtore; building two neceſſaries, one for the guard, and one at the old barrack for the officers; new-flooring the doctor's apartment at the old barrack; repairing lieutenant's apartment, with a ſaſh window to the ſame; making a partition in piazza, and a hand-rail from front door to north-weſt corner, with a door to the partition; cloſe boarding to height of rail, and jealouſees to height of plate ſouth piazza of old barracks; making 12 centry-boxes with lifting ſides; paving, with cut ſtone, front piazza of old barrack, from front door to north-eaſt angle; building additional height to walls between old barrack and ſoldiers neceſſary; making a ſtone gutter from old barrack-yard to conduct the water under ſoldiers neceſſary; painting all new work, and outſide of officers barracks.

Carpenter's and maſon's eſtimates - £. 2347

FORT-AUGUSTA.

Making and erecting a ſubſtantial flag ſtaff, 55 feet in length, with truck and halliards; repairing diagonal beam in captain's piazza; making 14 centry-boxes with lifting ſlides; making a new oven; repairing all the fire hearths; building a ſmall ſchool-room for ſoldiers children; repairing the two wharfs, and making an addition of 40 feet in length to the ſouthern wharf; jealouſeing officers barrack; making a ſhed for a ſtable for officers horſes; building an officer's cook-room; whitewaſhing officers and ſoldiers barrack, likewiſe hoſpital; making a ſmall ſhop for armourer; repairing officer's barrack near Land-Port.

Maſon s and carpenter's eſtimates - £. 917

PORT-ROYAL.

Joiſting and flooring ſouth-weſt piazza of captain's and gunner's quarters; ſhingling ſouth gable of ditto; making two partitions under new platform, for offices to captain's and lieutenant's quarters; joiſting and flooring gunner's ſtore-room; repairing guard-room, and making a table and bench for ditto; repairing, plaſtering, and painting, four rooms in captain's and lieutenant's quarters; repairing and making new ſundry doors and windows in officers quarters and gunner's ſtore-rooms; repairing floors, plattorms, and windows, upper ſtory ſoldiers barracks, making two double doors for ditto; repairing brick ſtair; making a new wharf; repairing magazine door; lowering eight windows in of-

ficers meſs-room, making frames and ſhutters for ditto; repairing the walls, plaſtering and colouring the ſame

Carpenter's and maſon's eſtimate - £. 488

APOSTLES-BATTERY.

Repairing and ſhingling the block-houſe; repairing doors and windows of captain's houſe and ſoldiers barrack; joiſting and flooring 8 feet in captain's houſe; making 2 centry-boxes, with lifting ſides; building a ſhed to ſecure the tank from the ſpray of the ſea.

Carpenter's and maſon's eſtimate - £. 207

FORT-SMALL.

Repairing balcony, doors, and windows, of the barrack and ſtore, and new-ſhingling the ſame.

Carpenter's eſtimate - £. 275

ROCK-FORT.

Repairing roof of guard-room and ſoldiers cook-room, and ſhingling the ſame; new doors and windows, putting in new piazza poſts and ſills.

Carpenter's eſtimate - £.——

SPANISH-TOWN BARRACKS.

Repairing gates, doors, windows, and platforms; making 12 new cradles for hoſpital; making fourteen centry boxes with lifting ſlides; whitewaſhing barracks and hoſpital; repairs at the guard-room, with ſundry ſupplies.

Carpenter's and maſon's eſtimates - £230

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Painting the offices of the public buildings, aſſembly-room, court-houſe, and lobby; repairing balcony floor; repairing and covering with copper flat roof of balcony.

Painter's and carpenter's eſtimates - £. 950

Making a water-cloſet for the honourable members of the Houſe, with arched vault - - - - - 180

£ 1130

SPANISH-TOWN-GAOL.

Repairing roof, and new ſhingling the whole buildings of the gaol; repairing the different wards, doors, and windows.

Carpenter's eſtimate - £. 485

ISLAND-STORE.

Adding an additional ſtory to the iſland-ſtore to give the room required.

Carpenter's and maſon's eſtimate - £. 210

KINGSTON

KINGSTON BARRACK.

Repairing doors and windows, making new cradles, and adding two windows to the ſtore with iron bars.

Carpenter's eſtimate - £. 120

BARRACKS AT FORT-CHARLOTTE, LUCEA.

Removing two partitions in officers barrack; making and repairing doors and windows throughout all the barracks; joiſting and flooring the hoſpital, repairing the piazza, and making 4 rooms off the piazza for the married people; making 16 cradles for hoſpital; making a piazza to guard room, and paving the ſame; making a hip to officers cook-room to give neceſſary room; making a kneading trough and ſhed to oven; repairing roof of ſoldiers barrack, new ſhingling the ſame, and joiſting and flooring ditto; making new platforms, hanging ſhelves, arm-racks for 50 men, tables and forms, beam-filling, plaſtering, and whitewaſhing, ditto; making a piazza to protect the ſame from the weather; a room for the ſergeant taken off the ſouth-weſt end of piazza; making a neceſſary for the ſoldiers; building a room for the baker; a brick ſtair to the weſtern barrack; repairing the oven and fire-hearths; new pointing all the walls; making ſcales for weighing proviſions; ſupplying rope and buckets for the well, a flag, and an electrical rod for the magazine; purchaſing a canoe for the uſe of the troops.

Carpenter's and maſon's eſtimates, - £. 975

His Excellency the late Governor having directed the ſurveyor of the public works to take an account of all the repairs and additions wanted at the barrack at Lucea, and report the ſame to him, for the purpoſe of laying it before the honourable Houſe; the ſurveyor of the public works has thought proper to add ſaid report to his other eſtimates.

As there is money in hand belonging to Rock-Fort, the ſurveyor of the public works has not placed any ſum againſt the repairs at preſent wanted at that place.

The workmen who have contracted for the repairs and additions of the hoſpital at Port-Royal, having made no preparation for the performance of the work the ſurveyor of the public works thinks it his duty to repreſent the circumſtance to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and for the following reaſons ſubmits to his honour, that a ſtop ſhould be put to any thing being done at that building, till the committee of the honourable Houſe takes a ſurvey of the ſame:

The floors of the baſement ſtory, on every heavy rain or extraordinary ſwell of the ſea, are entirely under water, are ſo decayed in conſequence, that they muſt be taken up and raiſed much higher with new joiſts and floors:—The adjoining ſituation of the hoſpital to the line of cannon that are fired conſtantly on all ſaluting occaſions, muſt not only be diſtreſſing in a high degree to thoſe of the ſick who are not dangerouſly ill, but fatal to many whoſe enervated frames were too ſenſibly affected by the moſt trifling noiſe:—The ſituation of the neceſſary to windward of the building, with the very great inconvenience of tubs, is another grand objection:—To obviate the whole, the ſurveyor of the public works ſubmits to his Honour's conſideration the propriety of building a new Hoſpital complete on the north ſide of the parade, ſo near the ſea that the neceſſary may be placed

placed over it, and a covered way made from the hoſpital to protect the ſick from the weather; ſuch a building, with neceſſary offices, will not coſt more than £. 2500, and, in the long run, will be a very great ſaving to the country in reſpect to repairs.

The old hoſpital as it now ſtands may be converted to many uſeful offices much wanted.

28*th November*, 1791. EDWARD WOOLLERY, *Sur. Pub. Works.*

The Eſtate of his late Excellency the Right Honourable THOMAS EARL of EFFINGHAM, Governor and Commander in Chief, *Dr.*

1791.

Sept. For tranſlating a Spaniſh letter, being a cover of certain diſpatches for South America, - - - - - £. 1 5

Oct. For tranſlating certain minutes from the committee of the general aſſembly of St Domingo, and alſo of a public letter ſigned by Governor Blanchlande and the preſident of ſaid aſſembly with others, accompanying ſaid minutes - - - - 2 10

Nov. For tranſlating a long and intricate diſpatch from Don Lucas Galves, Governor of Yucatan, relative to our ſettlers at Honduras, &c. - 8 5

£. 12

RECEIVED the above by the hand of of George Smithwaite, Eſquire.

Spaniſh-Town. Nov. 24, 1791. J. M. DWYER.

ESTIMATE of the Expence of keeping the Arms belonging to the Iſland clean and in Repair for the enſuing Year.

For the hire of an armourer and two labourers -	£. 120	11 7
The purchaſe of oil, &c. - - -	15	
	£. 135	11 7

An over-allowance received for flints, to be purchaſed out of the ſum of £. 207 : 7 : 4, the appropriation granted to the commander in chief, by the rum law, paſſed in December 1789.

Caſh received - -	£. 93	15
Coſt of flints - - -	76	9 10
Balance in hand -	17	5 2
Balance of caſh that will be remaining after payment of the armourer's bill to 31ſt December, 1791 - -	19	6 5
	£. 36	11 7
To be provided for	99	
	£. 135	11 7

Spaniſh-Town.
1ſt December, 1791.

J. E. SHACKLEFORD, *Hſt. Ord. St. Keeper.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſeveral accounts for lodging money of his Majeſty's royal regiment of Artillery, and of the 1ſt, 10th, and 62d, regiments of foot, and of Brigade Major Mannooch; and the accounts of diſburſements, wainage, wharfage, and ſtore-hire, for 10th and 62d regiments; and removing the baggage of the 14th and 19th regiments on their embarkation; the accounts of Robert Wetherell, for ſupplying the troops at Fort-Charles, Fort-Auguſta, and the Apoſtles-Battery, with freſh water; and of William Bailey, for ſupplying the troops at Fort-Auguſta with two market boats and negroes; ſent down with the above meſſage, be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral other papers ſent down with the above meſſage be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Monday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Lunae 5° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. SAMUEL Vaughan, Eſquire, jun. attending, took the uſual oaths, and his ſeat accordingly.

The engroſſed bill for appointing Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, and for empowering the members of his Majeſty's Council, the Speaker and the members of the Aſſembly, for the time being, reſident in the iſland, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to explain and regulate proceedings by foreign attachment was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to explain and amend an act, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned,' and for adding commiſſioners to thoſe already made a body corporate, for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in and by three acts, one paſſed in the year 17 5, one paſſed in the year 1776, and the other in the year 1784; and for the appropriation of the ſum of £. 1000 yearly, out of the tolls and duties laid and required to be paid, under and by virtue of the ſaid acts, and to lay out the ſame on the road leading from the town of St. Jago de la Vega, to the town at the Bog-Walk, and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, and for adding commiſſioners to the ſaid act, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The bill for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to appoint commiſſioners to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted," and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

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The bill for releaſing and diſcharging Joſeph Cuthbert, Eſquire, from the truſts contained in the indenture or deed of marriage ſettlement of Lewis Cuthbert and Jane his wife, and ſubſequent deed, of the 16th day of May 1780, and for appointing other truſtees, and veſting in them the ſlaves and ſecurities for money mentioned in the ſaid deed of ſettlement, and ſubſequent deed, upon the ſame truſts as are therein contained, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects, born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions"

The bill to entitle Suſannah Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to entitle Suſannah Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects, born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions."

The bill to enable John Hiatt, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, to ſettle and diſpoſe of his eſtate, both real and perſonal, in this iſland, by deed or will, in ſuch manner as he ſhall think proper, in favour of his reputed children and grand-children, and their iſſue, notwithſtanding an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, entitled "An act to prevent the inconveniences ariſing from exorbitant grants and deviſes made by white perſons to negroes, and the iſſue of negroes, and to reſtrain and limit ſuch grants and deviſes, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to enable John Hiatt, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, to ſettle and diſpoſe of his eſtate, both real and perſonal, in this iſland, by deed or will, in ſuch manner as he ſhall think proper, in favour of his reputed children and grand-children, and their iſſue, notwithſtanding an act of

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A report and petition of the directors of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apoſtle was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth:

"THAT, having, agreeably to an act of the Houſe, met this day, to inſpect into the ſtate of the Bath and the Botanical Garden, they are of opinion that the different ſums granted by the Houſe, for turning off the river and defending the town, have been applied in the moſt advantageous manner; and that, if the embankment carrying on be completed, it will effectually anſwer the ends propoſed; but that, on account of the late extraordinary flood occurring before it was finiſhed, a further ſum will be required to repair and carry on the ſame:

"That whereas the ſum of £. 100 heretofore granted for the Botanical Garden is inadequate to the ſeveral purpoſes of keeping the ſame in order, and enabling the botaniſt to procure plants and ſeeds from different quarters of the world, ſo that the inſtitution may be rendered of its deſired utility, they are of opinion that either an additional ſum ſhould be in future allowed, or that ſome negroes ſhould be bought for the ſame, as to the Houſe may ſeem meet:

"That there are ſundry repairs, &c. wanted at the Fountain and Poors Hoſpital:

"That whereas the Bath ſettlers have been heretofore exempted from taxes, road allotments, and licenſes to retail liquors, they are of opinion, an act might be brought in to repeal theſe clauſes, and to ſubject the ſaid Bath ſettlers to the payment of the ſame taxes, public and parochial, as the other inhabitants of the iſland; and that the ſums ariſing therefrom, might conſtitute a fund, to be applied by the directors for the uſes of the Bath in future."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland

A petition of James Jones, Secretary of the iſland, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner finding ſeveral of the bindings of the record books in his office very much broke and in danger of falling to pieces, he thought it his duty, and a matter of the higheſt conſequence to the public, to have them repaired without loſs of time, and did, accordingly, employ Edward Lewis, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, bookbinder, who has repaired the ſame, as will more fully appear by the account hereunto annexed.

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 15.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of Walter Welſh, deputy-marſhal, and keeper of the county gaol of Middleſex, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT

" THAT there is due the petitioner the ſum of £. 96 : 3 : 3 for the ſupport and maintenance of priſoners for debt; as likewiſe the ſum of £ 22 : 9 : 5 current money of Jamaica, for the ſupport of ſlave-criminals committed by the ſlave-courts, and by their worſhips the magiſtrates at the court of quarter ſeſſions, as per the receipts and accounts hereunto annexed will more fully and at large appear; making in the whole the ſum of £. 118 : 12 : 8, being caſh advanced by him for the ſupport and maintenance of priſoners, between the 28th day of November, 1790, and the 28th day of November, 1791:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 16.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the above two petitions and accounts be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then Mr. William Mitchell acquainted the Houſe that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe that they may have leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock

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☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Martis, 6° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, prohibiting all free people of colour and free negroes from St. Domingo from landing in this iſland, until they have found two ſubſtantial houſe-keepers, (white perſons) reſiding here, and approved of by the cuſtos or chief magiſtrate of the pariſh where they arrive, as ſecurities for their good behaviour during their reſidence in this iſland; and commanding all foreigners of the above deſcription forthwith to quit this iſland, unleſs they can find ſuch ſecurities for their good behaviour."

Ordered, That Mr. Grant and Mr. Burke be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would iſſue the neceſſary orders directly.

The engroſſed bill to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoſo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the ſame place, deceaſed, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to entitle Suſannah Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the pariſh of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the pariſh of Kingſton, Gentleman, by the ſaid Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to enable John Hiatt, of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, to ſettle and diſpoſe of his eſtate, both real and perſonal, in this iſland, by deed or will, in ſuch manner as he

he ſhall think proper, in favour of his reputed children and grand-children, and their iſſue, notwithſtanding an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, entitled, "An act to prevent the inconveniences ariſing from exorbitant grants and deviſes made by white perſons to negroes, and the iſſue of negroes, and to reſtrain and limit ſuch grants and deviſes, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr Redwood and Mr. Vaughan be a committee to carry the above bills, as alſo the engroſſed bills of yeſterday, to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to entitle Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Charles M'Dermott of the pariſh of St Ann, Eſquire, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to entitle Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Charles M'Dermott, of the pariſh of St Ann, Eſquire, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects, born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions."

Mr. Bryan Edwards, from the committee to whom the meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, encloſing ſundry papers received from the Governor of the French part of St. Domingo, was referred, reported as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"THE committee to whom the Houſe were pleaſed to refer the meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, incloſing ſundry papers received from the Governor of the French part of St. Domingo, have proceeded to take the ſame into conſideration; and conceiving the ſubject matter thereof to be of the utmoſt importance, not only to the inhabitants of the ſaid iſland, but alſo to concern, in a conſiderable degree, the future welfare and ſafety of the ſugar colonies of other nations as well as the intereſts of humanity in general, have thought it their duty in the firſt place to report them to the Houſe; and they are as follows:

"*Firſt* A letter from the Preſident of the General Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo to his Excellency the late Earl of Effingham, of which the following is a tranſlation:

"*MY LORD,* "*Cape Francois 13th October*, 1791.

"YOUR Lordſhip has already received, by Meſſrs. Affleck and Edwards, the urgent ſolicitations of the General Aſſembly and Governor-General of St. Domingo; and Meſſrs. Raboteau and Caduſch, commiſſioners deputed to your Excellency, will repreſent to you the dreadful ſituation in which the French part of this iſland continues to be involved.

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" It is indeed true, that nothing material has occurred within a few days paſt; but this ſtate of ſuſpence is worſe than open war, as concealing new conſpiracies and formed projects; which, although we ſuſpect, we cannot prevent. Our feeble reſources are exhauſted by fatigue and the effects of the climate. Our only hope is in one great effort which we are preparing to make, in order to attack the rebels on all ſides at the ſame time; who, truſting, perhaps, to our inactivity, are not preparing for the attempt which we have in contemplation. We hope for ſuch an aſſiſtance of troops from your Excellency as will reinforce our armies, and enable us to act with deciſive effect.

" But, if we are victorious, we ſhall ſtill be miſerable; the proviſions of the earth being deſtroyed, we have no means of ſupplying the loſs, but by external aſſiſtance; and, our properties being ravaged, we have nothing wherewith we can procure it. Theſe conſiderations have induced the General Aſſembly of St. Domingo to ſolicit from the Aſſembly of Jamaica a loan of money. We truſt to the generoſity which is the character of your nation, and if your Excellency will be pleaſed to add your recommendation to the requeſt of our commiſſioners, we ſhall preſume to hope for a proſperous iſſue to their negociation.

" The General Aſſembly has the honour to tranſmit to your Excellency their decree of the 26th of September, concerning the propoſed loan, a copy of which was tranſmitted to you by Captain Affleck and Mr. Edwards: It reſts with your Excellency to lay it before the Aſſembly: Be pleaſed, Sir, to excite their attention and benevolence towards our application.

" The General Aſſembly of St Domingo preſume to claim your Excellency's favour towards their commiſſioners, who are particularly charged to preſent to you aſſurances of our gratitude for the protection you have already granted to the colony we inhabit.

" I have the honour to be, your Excellency's

" moſt humble and moſt obedient ſervant,

" JN. PONCIGNON, *Preſident*."

" *Secondly*. A decree of the Colonial Aſſembly of the 26th of September laſt, referred to in the preceding letter, and of which the following is a tranſlation:

DECREE *of the* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of the French part of* ST. DOMINGO, *26th of September*, 1791.

" THE General Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo being informed, that about two hundred ſugar plantations are conſumed in the north part of this iſland, and that the devaſtation of the coffee plantations in that part being conſiderable, the number of ſlaves in actual rebellion may be ſuppoſed to be one hundred thouſand, on a moderate calculation.

" Labour being interrupted, the unavoidable calamities of a continual war augment the number of victims among thoſe which purſue the rebels.

" Such of the planters whoſe eſtates are conſumed, and who, after peace is reſtored, may recover part of their ſlaves, will ſtill be in want of the neceſſary means for repairing their works, and will, at the ſame time, be at a loſs how to provide for their own ſubſiſtence, and that of their negroes.

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" The General Aſſembly having taken into their conſideration the urgent neceſſity of relieving ſuch men as have defended them in this war, and whoſe courage and love for their country have plunged them into miſery, and alſo to indemnify, as far as it lies in their power, the widows and orphans for the loſs they have ſuffered of their huſbands and fathers:

" Conſidering alſo, that, although the rebellion may be cruſhed, it can hardly be looked upon as an advantage, if the rebels, though vanquiſhed, are expoſed to become the prey of famine, which calamity will be the conſequence of their ravages and mutiny:

" Conſidering alſo, that ſeveral planters reſiding in the colony, and that others, and much the greater part, who are only repreſented by agents, are without the leaſt effectual means of ſupplying their preſent wants, will alſo have a claim on the public bounty for the repair of their works:

" Reſolved, That, being ſenſible of the impoſſibility of procuring from France, before the ſpace of ſix months, that relief on which depends the ſalvation and peace of the colony, it is proper to ſolicit thoſe firſt ſuccours from the generoſity of the General Aſſembly of Jamaica:

" In conſequence of which they inveſt with full and ſufficient powers Meſſieurs Caduſch and Raboteau to ſail for Jamaica, there to treat for a loan of any ſum not exceeding £. 180,000 ſterling, or of 725,000 dollars, on the following conditions:

" 1. That repayment ſhall be made in four equal annual payments, the firſt of which will take place on May 1, 1794, either in dollars, in produce, or in bills of exchange on France.

" 2. That the rate of the intereſt ſhall be fixed between the commiſſioners of the General Aſſembly and the lenders, to be paid every year from the date of the receipt of the ſaid commiſſioners, either in dollars, produce, or bills of exchange on France.

" The General Aſſembly, by virtue of the powers veſted in them by their conſtituents, agree to give as ſecurity for the capital and intereſt of the ſum which may be lent them, as follows:

" 1. The plantations and properties of the planters, to the amount of the ſum which may be advanced; and which ſecurity will continue during the loan:

" 2. The duties levied on the exportation of our colonial produce, which ſhall be calculated and fixed in ſuch manner as to replace and balance the ſaid reimburſement.

" This decree ſhall be preſented to the Lieutenant of the Government-General, and Repreſentative of his Majeſty in the colony, for approbation, in order to be directed by him to Lord Effingham, requeſting him to communicate the ſame to the General Aſſembly of Jamaica.

" Reſolved, determined, and decreed, in the ſeſſion of the day's date, month, and year, above written.

" PL. DE CADUSCH, *Preſident.*
" PONCIGNON, *Vice Preſident.*
" MILLET, PETIT DESCHAMPEAU, MIAILLES, and LUX, *Secretaries.*
" I approve.
" BLANCHELANDE."

" *Thirdly*. A letter from his Excellency Monſ. Blanchelande to the Earl of Effingham, of which the following is a tranſlation:

" *SIR*, *Cape, October* 14, 1791.

', THIS letter will be delivered to your Excellency by the commiſſioners of the General Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo, who are charged with an important miſſion to the General Aſſembly of Jamaica, which they will impart to your Excellency:

" I beg leave to recommend theſe gentlemen to your benevolence, and to entreat your Excellency to favour them with your protection; alſo to uſe all your influence for the ſucceſs of their miſſion, which is mentioned in the decree incloſed in this letter:

" I ſhall be particularly thankful for what your Excellency will do in this juncture by my recommendation, either in regard to the ſubject which leads theſe gentlemen to your iſland, or for the particular favour of your Excellency towards them:

" I have the honour to be,

" with the higheſt eſteem, *SIR*,

" Your Excellency's moſt humble and moſt obedient ſervant,

" *To the* EARL *of* EFFINGHAM." " BLANCHELANDE.

" The committee, after having read the ſeveral papers above ſtated, proceeded to the examination of Monſ. Raboteau, one of the commiſſioners in the ſaid papers mentioned, and the only one who is yet arrived in this iſland; and enquiring of him, in the firſt place, as to the preſent actual ſituation of St. Domingo, in regard to the revolt of their ſlaves, were informed by the ſaid Monſ. Raboteau, that, expecting to be interrogated on that head, he had ſtated in writing ſuch particulars as he conceived the committee wiſhed to be informed of; and thereupon delivered in a paper, of which the following is an exact tranſlation:

" ON the 16th of October laſt, when I left the Cape, 182 ſugar plantations, and 950 coffee, cotton, and indigo ſettlements, had been plundered and deſtroyed, and the buildings thereof burnt down; 100,000 ſlaves, as far as can be computed, were in rebellion, and the men of colour in a ſtate of inſurrection in every part of the colony, except round the Cape; and about 1200 families had been reduced to ſuch a dreadful ſtate of miſery, that they were forced to receive their clothing and ſubſiſtence either from public or private charity.

" The loſs of this year's crop was eſtimated at 66,000,000 of St. Domingo livres, which are nearly equal to £. 2,650,0 0 of the currency of this iſland. The value of the capital could not then be aſcertained, but it muſt amount to an immenſe ſum, conſidering the loſs of ſtock, ſlaves, and buildings.

" Since I left the town of the Cape, the rebellion has extended itſelf to the eaſtern parts of the Plain, and 246 coffee ſettlements and a few ſugar plantations have been deſtroyed; this will add about £. 300,000 of Jamaica currency, to the loſs of this year's crop.

" The laſt accounts I received from St. Domingo inform me, that detachments of regulars and militia have ſucceeded in ſurpriſing and diſperſing ſeveral negro encampments; in

in conſequence of which, a few gangs of ſlaves have returned to their maſters eſtates; but theſe advantages have occaſioned extreme fatigue to our troops, though they have not been able to reduce even the ſixth part of the rebels.

" The quarters of Dondon and Grande Riviere are occupied by ſuch a number of rebels, that, without a larger body of troops than we are poſſeſſed of, we cannot attempt to attack them with any hope of ſucceſs.

" We are reduced to remain ſhut up as it were within the town of the Cape; and it is with difficulty that we can ſupply with men the line of poſts eſſential to prevent the rebels from attacking the weſtern and ſouthern parts of the iſland. Notwithſtanding the activity of our troops, 150 of the rebels found means to paſs thoſe poſts, in order to ſpread their ravages in the mountains of L'Artibonite, called Les Cahos, the inhabitants whereof have united their forces to repulſe and ſtop them; but after killing a few, the reſt eſcaped into the woods, and there is reaſon to apprehend the rebellion may ſoon extend itſelf to that part of the iſland, which would in a few days become a prey to a general conflagration.

" At this juncture, we received a copy of the decree of the National Aſſembly of the 24th of September laſt, whereby our rights are acknowledged; but we fear too late. We have only a copy of the decree, it has not been received officially, no troops are yet arrived to enforce the execution of it; and that decree may, in our critical circumſtances, add to our calamities; inaſmuch as the free people of colour, knowing the enormity of their crimes, declare that they will ſooner periſh than ſubmit to this laſt decree. They are again forming a camp in the pariſh of La Croix des Bouquets, near Port-au-Prince, and every hour I dread to hear of their having commenced hoſtilities againſt the white inhabitants; and if they do ſo, our ruin is inevitable.

" If this ſhould unfortunately be the caſe, your iſland, gentlemen, would of courſe be expoſed to ſimilar deſtruction, as the ſucceſs of our ſlaves would induce your own to rebel againſt you.

" Negroes have not ſufficient reſolution to encounter the whites in the field of battle; but no men bear with greater fortitude, hunger, pain, and fatigue, when once their imagination is heated and their reſolution ſettled. We have amongſt us men, who, pretending to be philanthrophiſts, have preached freedom even to our ſlaves: Theſe men are connected with men of weight and fortune in Old France, by whom they are greatly encouraged, and who alſo are connected with the philanthrophiſts in Great-Britain, from whoſe conduct, indeed, the firſt example was taken; and I moſt ſincerely pray, that this iſland may not be expoſed to the ſame evils as have reſulted amongſt us, from ſuch an erroneous miſinterpretation and miſapplication of philoſophical principles.

" The means left us for our defence are but few and feeble; and it is indeed ſurpriſing that we have been able to reſiſt our enemies for ſo long a time. We owe much to the power of opinion, and to the ſuperiority the negroes have been accuſtomed to yield to the whites. The forces we have to defend every part of the colony, conſiſt of about 1000 men of the regiment of Artios and Normandy, 700 of the regiment of the Cape (including the ſick, who are in great number), 1200 ſtipendiary troops, paid by ourſelves, and 6 or 7000 militia, which have been without the leaſt diſcipline or order ever ſince our fatal political diviſions. Our maritime force conſiſts of one ſhip of 74 guns, two frigates, and two ſloops of war.

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" It is with ſuch feeble means that we are to face the free people of colour and the ſlaves in rebellion. We have applied for relief to our neighbours and allies the Spaniards; but it has been refuſed by the Spaniſh government, with inhumanity and inſult: Private men among them, and ſome of the commanding officers on the lines between us and them, appear to have ſeconded the rebels, by ſupplying them with ammunition, and by delivering into their hands ſome of the wretched white inhabitants, who had fled to them for refuge.

" Our public treaſury is not only free of debt, but there is even money due to it; yet it is abſolutely empty, it being impoſſible at preſent to collect the taxes, or otherwiſe to provide for the vaſt expence occaſioned by the war, and the neceſſity of giving relief to unfortunate families in want.

" The ſtate of our monthly expences is as follows:

	liv.
3000 regular troops, at 3 livres a day, 9000 livres a day, equal per month to	270,000
4000 men, women, and children, at public allowance, 2 livres a day, is per month - - - - -	240,000
Expences of officers, cloathing, arms, ammunition, &c. -	410,000
Total livres - -	920,000

of St. Domingo currency, or about £. 34,166 Jamaica currency, per month, without including ſeveral other extraordinary expences, ſuch as that of adminiſtration, rewards, maritime expeditions, &c.

" Were we deprived of the neceſſary funds to pay our troops, and to ſupply them with proviſions, they ſoon would diſband and refuſe obedience: The forces which are expected from Europe would arrive too late, and they could then only revenge, and not defend, us."

Monſ. Raboteau being then aſked as to the nature and value of the ſecurity propoſed by the Colonial Aſſembly of St. Domingo for any advance that might be made, and what power the Aſſembly has over the eſtates and properties of individuals, ſaith,

" That the ſecurity propoſed by the Colonial Aſſembly to be given on the plantations and properties of the planters was meant only to extend to loans which may be advanced by individuals here, unto ſuch individual proprietors; — that, with regard to any ſums which may be advanced by the public of Jamaica, or on the public credit of this iſland, to the public of St. Domingo, he conceives the duties levied in St. Domingo on the exportation of their produce to be ſufficient, as they amount annually to 9,000,000 of livres of St Domingo currency, being equal to £. 370,000 of the currency of Jamaica; and that, in conſequence of the decrees of the National Aſſembly, the Colonial Aſſembly has the ſole authority to lay taxes and duties on the inhabitants and on goods exported, and of diſpoſing of the ſame as they think beſt for the public advantage."

Being aſked as to the loweſt ſum which the iſland of St. Domingo may expect from the public of Jamaica, excluſive of private loans, ſaith,

" That their wants are great; and that he hopes, from the generoſity of the inhabitants of this iſland, a public loan of £. 100,000 Jamaica currency; but if ſo large a ſum cannot be obtained, he will thankfully accept of any ſum which the Aſſembly ſhall be pleaſed to fix."

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Being aſked as to the time and place of re-payment, and the rate of intereſt, ſaith,

" That the terms of repayment ſtipulated in the decree of the Colonial Aſſembly, now before the committee, are by four equal annual payments, the firſt to take place on the 1ſt of May, 1794; but he will covenant, if it be ſo required, that the principal of the propoſed advance ſhall be replaced, on the Royal Exchange of London, by two equal inſtalments, on the 1ſt of May 1794, and the 1ſt of May 1795, and will agree to allow £. 8 per cent. intereſt, to be paid annually in this iſland.

" The committee proceeded afterwards to examine Alexander Lindo, Eſquire, Merchant, of Kingſton, to whom they firſt communicated the papers received as aforeſaid from the Governor of the French part of St. Domingo, and the anſwers of Monſ. Raboteau; and the ſaid Mr. Lindo being thereupon aſked, " Whether, if an act of Aſſembly ſhould be paſſed to enable individuals to lend money to foreigners, any conſiderable ſum or ſums would, in his opinion, be advanced by perſons in this iſland, on the ſecurity offered by the Colonial Aſſembly of St Domingo?" ſaith, " He thinks not:" Being aſked, " Whether, if the public of Jamaica ſhould guarantee the re-payment of the principal and intereſt of any ſum or ſums of money which might be advanced on the conditions propoſed by Monſ Raboteau, as aforeſaid?" ſaith, " He hath no doubt that £. 100,000 might eaſily be raiſed in ſix months, by monthly ſcrip, on the conditions propoſed by the French commiſſioner; or £. 50,000 in four months; the public of this iſland being guarantee for the money, by iſſuing certificates, or otherwiſe becoming ſecurity for the ſums advanced."

" The committee then proceeded to examine the powers produced by Monſ. Raboteau, the French commiſſioner, and find, by the decree of the Colonial Aſſembly, paſſed the 26th of September, 1791, that the authority given by the ſaid decree is to Meſſieurs Caduſch and Raboteau jointly, and that it is not a joint and ſeparate authority, as it ought to be, one only of the ſaid commiſſioners being arrived in this iſland: The committee are therefore of opinion, that the power is eſſentially defective, and that the defect muſt be remedied before the public can guarantee any advance.

" Upon the whole, however, the committee are of opinion, that if the Houſe ſhall be pleaſed, in the brotherhood of humanity, to give eſſential ſuccour to the inhabitants of St Domingo, under their preſent diſtreſsful circumſtances, it may be done without any advance from the treaſury of this iſland, by paſſing a bill to enable truſtees or commiſſioners to iſſue certificates for the ſum which may be fixed on; the principal payable on the Royal Exchange of London by two annual inſtalments, and the intereſt payable annually in this iſland; and the defect before ſtated, in the power to Meſſieurs Caduſch and Raboteau, may be guarded againſt by a proviſo, that the certificates ſhall not be iſſued until the truſtees are ſatisfied of the validity of the ſecurity propoſed by the General Aſſembly of St. Domingo.

" It may likewiſe be proper to inſert a clauſe in the ſame bill, to authoriſe private perſons to lend money, on the preſent emergency, to the French inhabitants of St Domingo, on ſuch rate of intereſt as the legiſlature of that colony may declare to be lawful."

Ordered, That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A member in his place laid before the Houſe ſundry papers relative to the Bath Hoſpital.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

A Petition of Iſaac Laſcelles Winn, of the pariſh of St. James, Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner hath not only made many experiments himſelf, in order to diſcover the moſt effectual modes of applying fire, flame, and heat, to veſſels in the manufacture of ſugar and rum, but hath alſo been the occaſion of ſeveral ingenious men applying their ſtudies to the ſame ſubject, whereby the public, as the petitioner conceiveth, hath been benefited:

"That the petitioner hath diſcovered, ſuch forms of veſſels, and modes of applying fire, flame, and heat, thereto, as that the heat that in other modes is waſted on and deſtroys the brick-work, will be applied to, and operate throughout its whole courſe, on the veſſel or veſſels, and in no wiſe injure the maſonry or hanging of ſuch veſſels; which hanging, according to the petitioner's new mode, may be done by any ordinary negro maſon, and with any kind of ſtone, without bricks, and yet the ſaid veſſels cannot poſſibly want re-hanging, other than for repairing them, ſhould they laſt a century:

"And praying that the Houſe will ſecure to him the property of his ſaid inventions for ſuch time, and on ſuch conditions, as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. Tharp, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A petition of the juſtices and veſtry of the pariſh of St James was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the road between this pariſh and St. Elizabeth, leading through Elderſley, is a principal road of communication, and an object of great importance, as it encourages cultivation in the interior parts:

"That, through the means of the grant made by the Houſe laſt year, added to private contributions, conſiderable progreſs has been made in forming that road, but that it cannot be compleated without further aſſiſtance:

"And praying for relief."

A petition of the ſettlers of a tract of land in the mountains of St. James, Trelawny, and St. Elizabeth, in the vicinity of the maroon towns of Trelawny and Accompong, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the grant of £. 500, made by the Houſe towards completing the road commonly called the Elderſley Road, leading through the tract of land in which are their poſſeſſions, is expended:

"That although they have the votes of an equal aid from the pariſhes of St James and St. Elizabeth, and have ſubſcribed a ſtill larger ſum among themſelves, yet they find that they will not be able to complete the ſaid road without further aſſiſtance from the Houſe:

"That

" That, with the greateſt deference to the wiſdom of the Houſe, they conceive that the changes already taken place in this tract of land ſince the laſt ſeſſion, when they moſt gratefully acknowledge they firſt entertained hopes of effectual ſupport, point out the utility and importance of the undertaking as a great road of ſettlement:—Many properties have changed their proprietors; new ſettlements are commencing; and plantations have extended their cultivation: In ſhort the promptitude of the effect has exceeded their moſt ſanguine expectations, and does not leave a doubt in the minds of the petitioners but a rapid and complete cultivation of the interior country in queſtion will take place, if they are enabled to go through with the ſaid road: For theſe conſiderations they humbly crave a further aid:

" The petitioners beg leave to refer to the diagram they preſented the laſt ſeſſion for any information not herein contained:

" And praying for relief."

A petition of the freeholders and others, inhabitants of the pariſhes of St Mary and St Thomas in the Vale, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners, being duly ſenſible of the great advantages which will reſult to the public at large, as well as to themſelves individually, from having a direct and open communication, by means of a permanent road, through the centre of the iſland, at all ſeaſons of the year, and eſpecially in times of foreign or inteſtine commotion, did raiſe by ſubſcription the ſum of £. 500 and upwards, in aid of the former grants of the Houſe towards making a road leading from Port-Maria Bay to Palmeto-Grove Eſtate, to join the high road leading to the town of St Jago de la Vega, through the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Vale, the diſtance altogether not exceeding 33 miles:

" The petitioners repreſent to the Houſe, that, notwithſtanding the whole amount of the money, ſo raiſed as aforeſaid, has been laid out and expended in the moſt frugal manner, and to the greateſt advantage, yet the ſaid road ſtill remains unfiniſhed, and it will require a conſiderable additional expence to compleat the ſame effectually; but that the greateſt difficulties, which they had to overcome in forming the ſaid road, are almoſt got over:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above three petitions be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia."

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for establishing, disciplining, and regulating the militia, for ascertaining who shall compose future councils of war, and for other purposes respecting the said militia;' and also to repeal the several acts and clauses of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforesaid, and for establishing, disciplining, and regulating the militia, for ascertaining who shall compose future councils of war, and for other purposes respecting the said militia."

A message from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the House, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, 'An act to repeal an act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the several negro towns, and for preventing them from purchasing of slaves and for encouraging the said negroes to go in pursuit of runaway slaves, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and security for altering the mode of trial, and for other purposes," with the following amendments:

"In the 8th line from the bottom of the 6th sheet, *dele* the word *from*, and instead thereof insert the word *between*; also, in the same line, *dele* the word *to*, and instead thereof insert the word *and*:

"In the 7th line from the top of the last sheet, after the word *thereof*, insert the following words:—*And in case such offender, so transported, shall return to this island, and be thereof convicted, such offender shall suffer death without benefit of clergy.*"

Resolved, That the House do agree to the amendments proposed by the Council to the said bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the House, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii,

Mercurii, 7° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia, was read the third time."

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to entitle Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Charles M'Dermott of the pariſh of St. Ann, Eſquire, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame:

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council.

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have agreed to the amendments propoſed by your Honours to the bill entitled, 'An act to repeal an act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes,' and have amended the bill accordingly"

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell and Mr Campbell be a committee to carry the above meſſage and engroſſed bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill to entitle Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named, Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, and Ann Hermitt, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to entitle Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named, Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, and Ann Hermitt, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions,"

A petition of William Frazer, Surveyor, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"That the petitioner was employed by his late Excellency the Earl of Effingham to make a ſurvey and fix the lines of the Government-Mountain, and did, in conſequence, make ſuch ſurvey; a diagram whereof is hereunto annexed, and alſo an account of the work performed, charged agreeably to the law for regulating ſurveyor's fees:

"That it was the intention of his late Excellency to have ſent the ſaid account to the Houſe, accompanied by a meſſage, expreſſive of the work therein charged having been done by his order; but that his Lordſhip's ill ſtate of health from the commencement of the laſt ſeſſion, and the ſubſequent melancholy event of his death, prevents the ſaid account being laid before the Houſe in that manner:

"And praying for relief"

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 17) for the accounts referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of John Sympſon, Deputy-Marſhal and Serjeant at Mace of the Vice-Admiralty Court, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner, in the execution of the ſaid office, hath diſburſed and expended divers ſums of money to conſtables and others hired by him, to apprehend ſeveral perſons charged with felony and other offences committed on the high ſeas, as well as a crown-evidence of the matter; in ſafe conduct removing them from gaol to the court of oyer and terminer in order to their trial; and alſo, for the hire of conſtables to attend the ſaid court and the grand juries, and to carry into execution the ſentence of the ſaid court:

"That the petitioner, by virtue of his Majeſty's writs of *venire facias*, to him directed, hath ſummoned two ſeveral juries, and attended the ſaid court on the trial of a perſon for piracy and murder committed on the high ſeas, and within the juriſdiction of the ſaid court:

"That there is now due and owing to the petitioner for his cuſtomary fees and diſburſements aforeſaid, the ſum of £. 78 : 6 : 8 current money of the ſaid iſland, as will more fully appear by the ſchedule hereunto annexed:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 18.) for the ſchedule referred to in the above petition.]

A petition

A petition of Alexander Aikman, Printer to the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT, agreeably to the orders of the Houſe, and in conſequence of directions from the clerk thereof, and the clerk of the commiſſioners for the forts, &c. he has printed the ſeveral laws, advertiſements, &c. charged in the annexed account, No. 1; and that he has alſo furniſhed the ſeveral articles for the Receiver-General's office entered in the account marked No. 2, for which he has not been paid:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 19.) for the accounts referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of John Thomas William Bennett, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the advertiſements charged in the annexed account were inſerted in the Daily Advertiſer, agreeably to the orders of the Houſe:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 20.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of David Dickſon, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT he hath printed and publiſhed ſundry reſolves and advertiſements, and executed and performed the ſeveral other articles, as by the annexed account more fully appears, and for which he hath not yet received payment:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 21.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of David Finlayſon, Deputy-Marſhal and Keeper of the County Gaol of Cornwall, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT there is juſtly due and owing to the petitioner, the ſum of £. 71 : 11 : 4 current money of Jamaica for the maintenance of ſundry debtors confined in gaol; and alſo for the maintenance of ſundry other priſoners and evidences for the crown in the gaol of the county of Cornwall; and alſo for money paid by the petitioner for the conveying of priſoners from ſundry parts of the ſaid county to the gaol thereof, as by the annexed account appears:

"And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 22.) for the account referred to in the above petition.]

A petition of Thomas Alves, Keeper of the Gaols of the pariſhes of St. James and Trelawny, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT

" THAT there is due and owing to the petitioner the ſum of £. 55 : 8 : 9 for the ſupport and maintenance of priſoners in the gaols of Montego-Bay and Martha-Brae, from the 29th day of June, 1789, to the 4th day of December inſtant, as by the accounts hereunto annexed will more fully and at large appear:

" And praying for relief."

[Vide APPENDIX (No 23) for the accounts referred to in the above petition.]

Ordered, That the above ſeveral petitions and accounts be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That a clauſe be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the order of the reverend Thomas Warren, Chaplain to this Houſe, the ſum of £. 140, for two ſermons preached by him at the funerals of the late Earl and Counteſs of Effingham, by order of the Houſe, and that he be deſired to print the ſame.

Ordered, That the Agent of this iſland do cauſe a handſome monument to be made by Mr. Bacon, at a ſum not exceeding £. 500 ſterling, to the memory of our late excellent and upright Governor, the Earl of Effingham, and that the committee who were appointed to conduct the funerals do prepare a proper inſcription for the ſame.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for releaſing and diſcharging Joſeph Cuthbert, Eſquire, from the truſts contained in the indenture or deed of marriage ſettlement of Lewis Cuthbert and Jane his wife, and ſubſequent deed, of date the 16th day of May, 1780, and for appointing other truſtees, and veſting in them the ſlaves and ſecurities for money mentioned in the ſaid deed of ſettlement, and ſubſequent deed, upon the ſame truſts as are therein contained.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made one amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendment, be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for releaſing and diſcharging Joſeph Cuthbert, Eſquire, from the truſts contained in the indenture or deed of marriage ſettlement of Lewis Cuthbert and Jane his wife, and ſubſequent deed, of date the 16th day of May, 1780, and for appointing other truſtees, and veſting in them the ſlaves and ſecurities for money mentioned in the ſaid deed of ſettlement, and ſubſequent deed, upon the ſame truſts as are therein contained.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported nine reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follows:

"1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying the ſum of £. 50 to the order of Captain John Harris, commanding Fort George, at Port Antonio, in full for lodging-money for the preſent year, as by his petition to the Houſe in the laſt ſeſſion.

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to grant the relief prayed by William Balfour, in his petition, preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

"3. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 53 to Margaret M'Kenzie, late Margaret Cumming, for 6 months and 12 days ſalary due to the eſtate of Alexander Cumming, her late huſband, as Captain of the Apoſtles Battery.

"4. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying the ſum of £. 70 to the order of Colonel George Gray, of Scott's-Hall, in the pariſh of St. Mary, being for ſo much due to him, as by the petition of Captain John Spence Brodbelt, ſuperintendent of the ſaid town, on his behalf, preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

"5. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying the ſum of £. 100 to the order of William Lane, Eſquire, or his lawful attorney, for one year's ſalary due ſaid William Lane, as Captain of the Apoſtles Battery, as by his petition to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

"6. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the order of Rear Admiral Affleck, the ſum of £. 800 in full for the additions, repairs, and improvements, made at the Admiral's pen.

"7. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners for forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 1000, to be by them laid out in purchaſing certain fixtures and other neceſſary furniture, for the uſe of the King's Houſe.

"8. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying the ſum of £. 75 to the order of Captain Sir Richard Baſſett, commanding a detachment of his Majeſty's 10th regiment quartered at Lucea barracks, for the purchaſe of fire-wood for the uſe of the ſaid detachment, from the 1ſt of October, 1791, to the 1ſt of October, 1792, as by the memorial of the ſaid Captain Sir Richard Baſſett, ſent down to the Houſe on the 3d inſtant, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

" 9. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to bring in a bill for granting pay, or otherwiſe ſubſiſting the non-commiſſioned officers and privates of the militia, during the enſuing martial law.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe that they may have leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a comittee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Jovis 8° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill for releaſing and diſcharging Joſeph Cuthbert, Eſquire, from the truſts contained in the indenture or deed of marriage-ſettlement of Lewis Cuthbert and Jane his wife, and ſubſequent deed, of date the 16th day of May, 1780, and for appointing other truſtees, and veſting in them the ſlaves and ſecurities for money mentioned in the ſaid deed of ſettlement, and ſubſequent deed, upon the ſame truſts as are therein contained, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to entitle Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St. Catherine, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named, Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, and Ann Hermitt, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions; was read the third time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards and Mr. James Mitchell be a committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to entitle Suſannah Young, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children named William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Suſannah Young Salmon, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that title be, " An act to entitle Suſannah Young, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Suſannah Young Salmon, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions."

A petition of the inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Mary was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT this Houſe did, in conſequence of a petition laſt ſeſſion of Aſſembly, grant the ſum of £. 300 for the purpoſe of repairing and widening a new road from Tronnell's River, in the pariſh of St. Mary, to Deares's Mountain, in the pariſh of St. Andrew; which ſum hath been appropriated for that purpoſe, as will appear by the report of the commiſſioners appointed by this Houſe:

" That ſix miles and one quarter of a mile in diſtance from the public wain road in St. Mary to the public road leading to Kingſton, through the pariſh of St. Andrew, hath been repaired and widened by means of the ſaid grant; which is found to be of general benefit, as well for travellers as for the purpoſe of carrying proviſions and other articles to and from the Kingſton Market:

" That ſome parts of the ſaid road remain rather narrow where the ground proved rocky and laborious, which the petitioners conceive may be completely opened at a ſmall additional expence, if the Houſe will be pleaſed to grant them a further aid:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above petition be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of, all ſuch petitions, as may be preſented this ſeſſion, for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into, and reporting the preſent ſtate of, all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for eſtabliſhing public work-houſes in the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act for establishing public work-houses in the several parishes of this island."

Mr William Mitchell, according to order, presented to the House a bill for granting pay, or otherwise subsisting the non-commissioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purposes; which was received and read the first time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time this day.

Then the House adjourned for one quarter of an hour.

And being met,—

The bill for granting pay, or otherwise subsisting the non-commissioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Resolved, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, to morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauses.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to enquire into, and take further into consideration, the state of the island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place and delivered in at the table; where being agaid read, is as follows:

"THAT it be recommended to the House to disagree to the report made by the chairman of the committee to whom the consideration of the dispatches received from St. Domingo was referred."

And a motion being made, and the question put, that the House do agree to the report,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then Mr Blake acquainted the House the committee had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved,

Reſolved, That the Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a comittee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A motion was made and the queſtion being put,

That a meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requeſting that his Honour will be pleaſed to inform his Excellency the Governor of St Domingo, that the Houſe have taken under their deliberation the papers tranſmitted by his Excellency, and that the Aſſembly of Jamaica moſt ſincerely ſympathize with their brother coloniſts in St. Domingo, for whoſe preſervation and ſecurity, they would chearfully contribute in any manner conſiſtent with the duty which they owe to their conſtituents; but are ſorry that the preſent juncture of their affairs will not permit them to conſent to any extraneous advance of the public money, or pledge of the public credit.

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 9° Die Decembris, 1791.

A MESSAGE from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the provoſt-marſhal, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Council-chamber immediately."

Wereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe went up; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended the Lieutenant-Governor in the Council-chamber, where his Honour was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the following bills:

1. An act for raiſing ſeveral ſums of money, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes.

2. An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the ſame to the uſe of the forts and fortifications, and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act, entitled, " An act for granting a revenue to his Majeſty his heirs and ſucceſſors, for the ſupport of the government of this iſland, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof," and to enable the Receiver-General to import and purchaſe gunpowder, under certain reſtrictions.

3. An act for granting an additional ſalary to his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, during his adminiſtration.

4. An act to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the Government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being.

5. An act to enable his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to iſſue his Majeſty's royal proclamation, during the receſs of the preſent Aſſembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other proviſions from this iſland, for a limited time.

6. An act for appointing Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, Agent in Great-Britain to ſolicit the paſſing of laws, and for tranſacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this iſland, and for empowering the members of his Majeſty's Council, the Speaker and the members of the Aſſembly, for the time being, reſident in the iſland, from time to time, as occaſion ſhall require, to give inſtructions for ſuch his management.

7. An act to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral maroon towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes.

8. An act to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland, to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland.

9. An act to explain and amend an act, entitled, " An act for adding commiſſioners to thoſe already made a body corporate in and by a certain act, entitled, ' An act for making commiſſioners nominated and appointed in and by an act, entitled, ' An act for building a bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned,' a body politic and corporate, and to enable them to raiſe a certain ſum of money upon the toll in the ſaid act mentioned, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;' and to enable the ſaid corporation to borrow a further ſum of money not exceeding £. 5000 for the purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, and to enable the ſaid corporation to purchaſe land not exceeding one acre, and to build a toll-houſe thereon,' and for adding commiſſioners to the ſaid act.

10. An act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, " An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham,

Woodham, Rector of the parish of St. Catherine, against the pains and penalties of the said act, for having permitted the remains of his Excellency Thomas Earl of Effingham to be interred in the church of the said parish.

11. An act for dispensing with an act, entitled, 'An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this island, and to enable the justices and vestry of certain parishes to purchase lands for burial grounds;' and to indemnify the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, Rector of the parish of St. Catherine, against the pains and penalties of the said act, for having permitted the remains of Catherine Countess of Effingham to be interred in the church of the said parish.

12. An act to entitle Susannah Freeman Ripley, Ann Freeman Ripley, Mary Freeman Ripley, and Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, of the parish of St. Andrew, free mulattoes, and Frances Ripley Edie, Thomas Edie, Ebenezer Edie, Alexander Edie, and Ann Edie, the reputed children of Ebenezer Edie, of the parish of Kingston, Gentleman, by the said Elizabeth Freeman Ripley, to the same rights and privileges with English subjects, born of white parents, under certain restrictions.

13. An act to entitle Frances Green, Elizabeth Ann Green, Sarah Green, Margaret Green, Ann Darby Green, Catherine Green, Daniel Green, and John Henry Green, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Daniel Rodrigues Cardoso, of the parish of Kingston, Merchant, by Ann Darby, a free black woman, late of the same place, deceased, to the same rights and privileges with English subjects, born of white parents, under certain restrictions.

14, An act to enable John Hiatt, of the parish of St. Ann, Esquire, to settle and dispose of his estate, both real and personal, in this island, by deed or will, in such manner as he shall think proper, in favour of his reputed children and grand children, and their issue, notwithstanding an act of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this island, entitled, 'An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from exorbitant grants and devises made by white persons to negroes, and the issue of negroes, and to restrain and limit such grants and devises.

15. An act to entitle Charles M'Dermott, Mary M'Dermott, Catherine M'Dermott, Frances M'Dermott, Francis M'Dermott, James M'Dermott, and Elizabeth M'Dermott, free mulattoes, the reputed children of Charles M'Dermott, of the parish of St. Ann, Esquire, by Mary Cyrus, a free black woman, to the same rights and privileges with English subjects, born of white parents, under certain restrictions.

According to order, the list being called over, it appeared, that Mr. Redwood, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Burke, had absented themselves from their duty in the House, without the leave thereof.

Ordered, That for the same they be severally taken into the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, and that Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant or warrants accordingly.

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the House to wait on your Honour, to request you will be pleased to inform his Excellency the Governor of St. Domingo, that the House have taken under their

their deliberation the papers tranſmitted by his Excellency, and that the Aſſembly of Jamaica moſt ſincerely ſympathize with their brother-coloniſts in St. Domingo, for whoſe preſervation and ſecurity they would chearfully contribute in any manner, conſiſtent with the duty which they owe to their conſtituents; but are ſorry that the preſent juncture of their affairs will not permit them to conſent to any extraneous advance of the public money, or pledge of the public credit."

Ordered, That Mr Bolt and Mr. Anderſon be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would comply with the requeſt of the Houſe.

The engroſſed bill for eſtabliſhing public work-houſes in the ſeveral pariſhes in this iſland, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to entitle Suſannah Young, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Suſannah Young Salmon, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Richards and Mr. Vaughan be a committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Redwood, Mr. Fraſer, Mr Whitehorne, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Anderſon, and Mr Burke, being brought to the bar, in cuſtody of the Sergeant at Arms, and being aſked by Mr. Speaker, why they had abſented themſelves from their duty withour the leave of the Houſe, ſeverally made their excuſes.

Ordered, That they be diſcharged on paying their fees.

A petition of the inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Andrew and town of Kingſton, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the Houſe did, in conſequence of a petition in the ſeſſion of 1789, grant the ſum of £.500 for the purpoſe of making a new road leading from the pariſh of St Mary to the town of Kingſton; which ſum hath been appropriated for that purpoſe, as will appear by the report of the commiſſioners appointed by the Houſe:

"That ſix miles, or near, in diſtance from Deares's Mountain to the public road on the top of Stoney-Hill leading to Kingſton through the pariſh of St. Andrew, hath been made, repaired, and widened, by means of the ſaid grant, which is found to be of general benefit,

nefit, as well for travellers as for the purpoſe of carrying proviſions and other articles to and from the Kingſton market:

" That ſome parts of the ſaid road remain rather narrow where the ground proved rocky and laborious, which the petitioners conceive may be completely opened at a ſmall additional expence, if the Houſe will be pleaſed to grant them a further aid:

" And praying for relief."

A petition of the inhabitants of the pariſh of Hanover was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT the petitioners, truly ſenſible of the juſtice which marks the conduct of the Houſe by an equal diſtribution of the public money on roads of communication through every part of the iſland, beg leave to repreſent, that a road lately laid out, and in part made, from Flint-River Eſtate through Chegwell Pen, the Foreſt Pen, Proſper Pen, Golden-Grove Pen, Richmond-Hill Settlement, and the Ramble Pen, being a little more than ten miles in diſtance, as by the diagram annexed appears, interſecting at the Crown-Tavern the public road leading from the town of Montego Bay to the town of Savanna-la-Mar, between the 14th and 15th mile-poſts from the latter, not only ſhortens the diſtance very conſiderably to the numerous inhabitants of that part of the pariſh to the county town, but, by paſſing through a large tract of uncultivated land, has given riſe to ſeveral new ſettlements.

" That the ſaid road is at preſent a bridle road, and, having been laid out with judgment, is capable of being made a good carriage-road:

" That the veſtry of the ſaid pariſh, ſenſible of its public utility, have contributed large ſums of money by allotments on the ſaid road:

" And praying for relief."

Ordered, That the above two petitions be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into, and report the propriety of all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion, for grants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into, and reporting the preſent ſtate of, all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Galbraith took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Galbraith, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to appoint commiſſioners to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr Galbraith took the chair of the committee

Mr Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Galbraith, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act to appoint commiſſioners to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for granting pay, or otherwiſe ſubſiſting the non-commiſſioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell from the committee reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered. That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for granting pay, or otherwiſe ſubſiſting the non-commiſſioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purpoſes."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted," and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards took the chair of the committee,

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr.

Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill with the amendments be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to repeal and act, entitled, 'An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;' and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that they have agreed to the bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia," with the following amendments:

"In 13th line from the bottom of the 2d ſheet, after the words *aforeſaid that*, *dele* all the words following in the ſame line; and alſo all the words in the following lines of the ſame ſheet as far as the words *void and*, incluſive, in the 10th line from the bottom of the ſame ſheet:

"In the 10th line from the bottom of the ſame ſheet, after the word *warrants*, inſert the following words, *hereafter to be granted*:

"In the 9th line from the bottom of the ſame ſheet, after the word *ſituate*, inſert the following words, *or within the diſtance of five miles from ſuch fortification*:

"In the 8th line from the bottom of the ſame ſheet, after the word *another*, inſert the following words, *and beyond the aforeſaid diſtance*:

"In the 9th line from the bottom of the 3d ſheet, after the word *diſcharge*, *dele* all the words in the ſaid line; and alſo all the following words as far as as the word *provided*, excluſive, in the 7th line from the bottom of the ſame ſheet, and inſtead thereof inſert the following words, *but a removal from the foot to the cavalry ſhall not be lawful in any troop of horſe of the towns of St. Jago de la Vega, Kingſton, and Montego-Bay, when the number of men in ſuch troop amounts to 45 complete (non-commiſſioned officers included) unleſs with the ſpecial and expreſs approbation of the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being:*

"In the 19th line from the top of 6th ſheet, after the word *plantation*, inſert the following words, *whereon he ſhall be employed:*

"In the 8th line from the bottom of the 7th ſheet, *dele* the word *month*, and inſtead thereof inſert the word *week*."

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the 6th and 7th amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid bill, and do diſagree to the reſt of the amendments.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That a meſſage be ſent to the Council to acquaint their Honours, that the Houſe do agree to the 6th and 7th amendments propoſed by them to the bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia," and have amended the bill accordingly; but the Houſe are concerned they cannot agree to the other amendments propoſed by their Honours, and hope the Board, on further conſideration, will recede therefrom, as the Houſe are unwilling to believe that their Honours will endanger the ſafety and perhaps the exiſtence of the colony, at the preſent moſt critical juncture, by ſuffering a bill of ſuch neceſſity and importance, to be loſt; chiefly, as it appears to the Houſe, for the ſake of continuing an improper indulgence to a number of able-bodied men, who have procured nominal employments for the ſole and avowed purpoſe of evading the ſervice of their country in the hour of danger.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Sabbati 10° Die Decembris, 1791.

ACCORDING to order, the liſt being called over, it appeared, that Mr. Richards had abſented himſelf from his duty in the Houſe, without the leave thereof.

Ordered, That for the ſame he be taken into the cuſtody of the Sergeant at Arms, and that Mr. Speaker do iſſue his warrant accordingly.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council.

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS*,

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you, that the Houſe do agree to the 6th and 7th amendments propoſed by your Honours to the bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an

an act, entitled, 'An act for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating, the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid, and for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, for aſcertaining who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes reſpecting the ſaid militia," and have amended the bill accordingly; but the Houſe are concerned they cannot agree to the other amendments propoſed by your Honours, and hope the Board, on further conſideration, will recede therefrom, as the Houſe are unwilling to believe that your Honours will endanger the ſafety and perhaps the exiſtence of the colony, at the preſent moſt critical juncture, by ſuffering a bill of ſuch neceſſity and importance to be loſt; chiefly, as it appears to the Houſe, for the ſake of continuing an improper indulgence to a number of able-bodied men, who have procured nominal employments for the ſole and avowed purpoſe of evading the ſervice of their country in the hour of danger."

Ordered, That Mr. Rodon and Mr. Vanheelen be a committee to carry the above meſſage to the Council; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The engroſſed bill for granting pay, or otherwiſe ſubſiſting the non-commiſſioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purpoſes, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears now due, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to appoint commiſſioners to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to repeal and act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;" and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr Galbraith, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Scott of Lenox, and Mr. Anderſon, be a committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Richards being brought to the bar, in cuſtody of the Sergeant at Arms, and being aſked by Mr. Speaker, why he had abſented himſelf from his duty without the leave of the Houſe, and having made his excuſe,—

Ordered, That he be diſcharged on paying his fees.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr Campbell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And a motion being made that the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed,

The Houſe divided,

The noes went forth,

Ayes 28 —Mr. Scott of Hordley, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wallen, Mr Bourke, Mr. Batty, Mr. Murphy. Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Blake, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Barton, Mr M'Lean Mr Bolt, Mr Grant, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Tharp, Mr Rodon, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Fullerton, and Mr. Richards.

Noes 1.—Mr. Kemeys.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for eſtabliſhing rules and articles of war."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr.

Mr. James Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. James Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits retailed within this iſland, and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices, and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Rodon took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Rodon, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had beent aken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the

the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned."

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, in anſwer to their meſſage of this day, that they have conſidered the ſame, and are ſorry that the Houſe ſhould entertain a ſuſpicion that the Board could propoſe any amendment with a deſign inimical to the ſafety and intereſts of this colony: The Board feel the warmeſt zeal for thoſe objects, and are as anxious as the Houſe can poſſibly be to attain them: The Houſe will, in candour, give the Board due credit, by believing that the following words, which were agreed to by the Board in a committee in their firſt amendment, as remedial of the evil complained of by the Houſe in their ſaid meſſage, were only omitted by miſtake; and which miſtake aroſe from the anxious diſpoſition of the Board to accommodate the Houſe by a ſpeedy return of the militia bill.

"*Be it further enacted, that all commiſſions which have been granted ſince the firſt day of January, one thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four, or which ſhall hereafter be granted, appointing perſons to the command of, and as gunners and other officers to, nominal forts in this iſland, where there ſhall be no fortifications and guns, ſhall be deemed, and are hereby declared to be, null and void:*

"And I am further commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that they have receded from the third and fourth, but that they adhere to their ſecond and their fifth amendments"

And a motion being made that the Houſe do agree to the ſaid amendments,

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 5.—Mr. Wallen, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Kemeys, Mr Fullerton, and Mr. Grant.

Noes, 23.—Mr Chief Juſtice, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Barton, Mr. Galbraith, Mr Vaughan, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Redwood, Mr Murphy, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Rodon, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Blake, Mr. Lewis, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Tharp, Mr. M'Lean, and Mr. Burke.

It paſſed in the negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be immediately printed in the Royal Gazette, diſtinguiſhing the alterations between the ſaid bill and the former act; and alſo the amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid bill, with the different meſſages, and the numbers and names taken thereon, for one month.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, to requeſt you will be pleaſed to give orders for the proper officers to lay before the Houſe forthwith a return of the quarter-gunners belonging to the ſeveral forts of this iſland, diſtinguiſhing the number apppointed ſince the late council of war."

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis and Mr. Grant be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would give the neceſſary directions accordingly.

A motion was made that the Houſe do come to the following reſolution:

That a clauſe be inſerted in one of the money bills for paying into the hands of Monſ. Raboteau, Commiſſioner from St. Domingo, and a member of the General Aſſembly of the French part of the ſaid iſland, the ſum of £. 10,000, to be by him remitted to the ſaid General Aſſembly, with a requeſt that the ſame may be diſtributed among ſuch of the unfortunate French planters as have been the greateſt ſufferers in the preſent rebellion of the negroes in that iſland.

And a motion being made that the ſame do lay on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the Houſe,

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 16.—Mr. Bourke, Mr. James Mitchell., Mr. Richards, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr Redwood, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Rodon.

Noes 12. — Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Barton, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Grant, Mr Bolt, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Vanheelen.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the above reſolution, together with the numbers and names taken thereon, be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for two weeks.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this iſland do cauſe the following laws to be printed by the printer of this Houſe, *viz.*

An act to repeal an act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral negro towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned, and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial, and for other purpoſes:—One copy of which to be ſent to

his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; one copy to each ſuperintendent in the ſaid towns; one copy to each magiſtrate, and to the clerks of the peace and veſtry of this iſland; and one copy to the Receiver-General.

An act to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland to make and erect pounds, for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; one copy to each magiſtrate; and one copy to each pound-keeper in this iſland, and to the clerks of the peace and veſtry of this iſland.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Monday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Lunae, 12° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. A MESSAGE from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by the Clerk of the Council, who brought down the writ of election for the pariſh of Kingſton; which, with the provoſt-marſhal's return thereto, being read, it appeared, that Eliphalet Fitch, Eſquire, was returned a repreſentative for the ſaid pariſh, in the room of Robert Hibbert, Eſquire, whoſe ſeat the Houſe had vacated.

And the ſaid Eliphalet Fitch, Eſquire, attending, took the uſual oaths, and his ſeat accordingly.

The engroſſed bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices, and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read the third time

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame

The engroſſed bill for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war was read the third time.

And a rider being propoſed to the ſaid bill,

A motion was made, and the queſtion being put, that the ſaid rider be received,

The Houſe divided,

The ayes went forth,

Ayes 17.—Mr. Fitch, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Barton, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Bourke, Mr Shirley, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Vaughan, and Mr. Galbraith.

Noes 11. — Mr. Rennalls, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Grant, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Scott of Hordley, and Mr. Lewis.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then the ſaid rider was received and read a firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Rider be read a ſecond time.

Then the ſaid rider was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid rider be read the third time.

Then the ſaid rider being read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill and rider do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, upon the determination of the Houſe this day, That this mode of introducing riders be adopted in future, agreeably to the practice of the Britiſh Houſe of Commons, deviating from the method formerly uſed in this Houſe.

The engroſſed bill for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, "An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth

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year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Redwood, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Fitch, Mr Campbell, and Mr. Galbraith, be a committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform the Houſe that there is no return of the quarter-gunners of the different forts made to the office and that he has ordered letters to be wrote to the officers commanding forts immediately to ſend a return of the quarter-gunners, with their names:

"I am alſo commanded to inform the Houſe that, during his Honour's adminiſtration, there have been only five warrants ſigned for quarter-gunners, as will appear by the annexed liſt:"

LIST of QUARTER-GUNNERS appointed by his Honour the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

1791.
Nov. 23. Launcelot Smith, Rock-Fort, recommended to Lord Effingham by Captain Roſs, and warrant made out, but not ſigned when his Lordſhip died:
James Murray, Apoſtles-Battery, by Captain Lane, the ſame as the above.:
9 Jonathan Sherlock, Rock-Fort, Foreman to his Majeſty's printing-office:
William Campbell, Fort-Charlotte, recommended by Captain James:
William Pattie, ditto, ditto:

NOTE.—Alexander Rattray, was recommended by Captain Lane, and appointed to the Apoſtles Battery, but ſince promoted to the Lieutenancy of that work on the recommendation of the Attorney-General.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

A motion was made, and the queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree to the following reſolution:

That a meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requeſting, that a grievance has for many years prevailed in regard to the militia of this iſland, for the redreſs whereof, the Houſe having in vain endeavoured to apply a remedy, are under the neceſ-

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ſity of requeſting his Honour's interpoſition; the grievance is that of appointing an indefinite number of perſons, (otherwiſe liable to ſerve in the militia) to nominal employments, under the names of gunners, quarter-gunners, and other officers, to the ſeveral forts of this iſland, for the ſole and avowed purpoſe of exempting ſuch perſons from all kinds of military duty at a time when the country has moſt occaſion for their ſervices: This evil had ariſen to ſo great a height as to attract, in the years 1783 and 1789, the notice of the Legiſlature, who, by a clauſe in the act paſſed in the firſt of thoſe years, for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, endeavoured to redreſs it in future, by enacting, that all commiſſions thereafter to be granted, appointing perſons to be gunners and other officers to nominal forts where there ſhall be no fortifications and guns, ſhall be null and void; and by further enacting, in the year 1789, that all officers, gunners, and quarter-gunners, already appointed or to be appointed to any forts in this iſland, (Fort-Charles, Fort-Auguſta, Apoſtles-Battery, Rock-Fort, Fort-George, and Fort-Charlotte, excepted) ſhould appear completely armed and accoutred at every muſter or field-day of the battalion of foot militia of the diſtrict, the officers acting *en ſeconde* in their reſpective ranks, and the quarter-gunners as private men:

That the Houſe are, nevertheleſs, to repreſent to his Honour, that the grievance complained of is far from being redreſſed, inaſmuch, that although the firſt of the clauſes above recited may have put a ſtop in ſome meaſure to the appointment to nominal forts, yet, as there is reaſon to apprehend that the number of ſuch appointments to the forts above excepted has encreaſed, and as the power of augmenting the number ſtill exiſts indefinite and unlimited, it may happen, that inſtead of 30 gunners and quarter-gunners belonging to one only of thoſe forts, they may be encreaſed to 300:

That the Houſe are of opinion, that it is wholly unneceſſary to point out to his Honour the miſchiefs which may reſult at this juncture from ſuch improper indulgence, and that it is only neceſſary to ſtate the evil to have it redreſſed, they therefore make it their humble and earneſt requeſt to his Honour, to reſcind and make void as many of the aforeſaid warrants of gunners and quarter-gunners as his Honour ſhall judge to be ſupernumerary, and to give directions that none others ſhall be granted in future; and with regard to ſuch officers, gunners, and quarter-gunners, as ſhall be ſuffered to continue, and who are not on the pay eſtabliſhment, the Houſe requeſt that his Honour will be pleaſed to order them forthwith to repair to, and remain at, their reſpective forts, during the whole of the time of the preſent martial law, and to order weekly returns to be made to his Honour of their number and days of attendance.

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes, 16.—Mr. Rodon, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Blake, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Lewis, Mr Galbraith, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Scott of Hordley, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Scott of Lenox, Mr. Vaughan, and Mr. James Mitchell.

Noes 7. — Mr. Grant, Mr. Fitch, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Richards, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Kemeys, and Mr Bolt.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Martis, 13° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour to repreſent to you that a grievance has for many years prevailed in regard to the militia of this iſland, for the redreſs whereof, the Houſe having in vain endeavoured to apply a remedy, are under the neceſſity of requeſting your Honour's interpoſition; the grievance is that of appointing an indefinite number of perſons, (otherwiſe liable to ſerve in the militia) to nominal employments, under the names of gunners, quarter-gunners, and other officers, to the ſeveral forts of this iſland, for the ſole and avowed purpoſe of exempting ſuch perſons from all kinds of military duty at a time when the country has moſt occaſion for their ſervices: This evil had ariſen to ſo great a height as to attract, in the years 1783 and 1789, the notice of the Legiſlature, who, by a clauſe in the act paſſed in the firſt of thoſe years, for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, endeavoured to redreſs it in future, by enacting, that all commiſſions thereafter to be granted, appointing perſons to be gunners and other officers to nominal forts where there ſhall be no fortifications and guns, ſhall be null and void; and by further enacting in the year 1789, that all officers, gunners, and quarter-gunners, already appointed or to be appointed to any forts in this iſland, (Fort-Charles, Fort-Auguſta, Apoſtles-Battery, Rock-Fort, Fort-George, and Fort-Charlotte, excepted) ſhould appear completely armed and accoutred at every muſter or field-day of the battalion of foot militia of the diſtrict, the officers acting *en ſeconde* in their reſpective ranks, and the quarter-gunners as private men:

"We are, nevertheleſs, to repreſent to your Honour, that the grievance complained of is far from being redreſſed, inaſmuch as although the firſt of the clauſes above recited

recited may have put a ſtop in ſome meaſure to the appointment to nominal forts only, yet, as there is reaſon to apprehend that the number of ſuch appointments to the forts above excepted has encreaſed, and as the power of augmenting the number ſtill exiſts indefinite and unlimited, it may happen, that inſtead of 30 gunners and quarter-gunners belonging to one only of thoſe forts, they may be encreaſed to 300:

"The Houſe are of opinion, that it is wholly unneceſſary to point out to your Honour the miſchiefs which may reſult at this juncture from ſuch improper indulgence, and that it is only neceſſary to ſtate the evil to have it redreſſed, they therefore make it their humble and earneſt requeſt to your Honour, to reſcind and make void as many of the aforeſaid warrants of gunners and quarter-gunners as your Honour ſhall judge to be ſupernumerary, and to give directions that none others ſhall be granted in future; and with regard to ſuch officers, gunners, and quarter-gunners, as ſhall be ſuffered to continue, and who are not on the pay eſtabliſhment, the Houſe requeſt that your Honour will be pleaſed to order them forthwith to repair to, and to remain at, their reſpective forts, during the whole of the time of the preſent martial law, and to order weekly returns to be made to your Honour of their numbers and days of attendance."

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Scott of Hordley be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The reſolution moved in the Houſe on Saturday laſt, that a clauſe be inſerted in one of the money bills for paying into the hands of Monſ. Raboteau, Commiſſioner from St. Domingo, and a member of the General Aſſembly of the French part of the ſaid iſland, the ſum of £. 10,000, to be by him remitted to the ſaid General Aſſembly, with a requeſt that the ſame may be diſtributed among ſuch of the unfortunate French planters as have been the greateſt ſufferers in the preſent rebellion of the negroes in that iſland, being read,

And a motion being made to agree thereto,

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes 9 —Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Campbell, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Wallen, and Mr. Blake.

Noes 18.—Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr Rennalls, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Barton, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Rodon, Mr Bourke, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Scott of Hordley, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Grant, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Kemeys.

So it paſſed in the negative.

Mr. Tharp, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving

giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes;" which was received and read a firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow

Mr. Shirley, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill for continuing ſo much of the preſent law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels, for three months longer; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Mr. Tharp, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to revive and continue an act, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes;" which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour.

And being met,—

The bill for continuing ſo much of the preſent law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, ſupercargoes. and maſters of veſſels, for three months longer, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for continuing ſo much of the preſent law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels, for three months longer."

The bill to revive and continue an act, entitled, "An act ro repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes;" was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to revive and continue an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes."

A meſſage

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe a return of the quarter-gunners belonging to Fort-Charles, Fort-Auguſta, Rock-Fort, the Apoſtles Battery, and Fort-Charlotte, which, with Fort-George, (from whence there is no return) are the only works in the iſland whoſe officers are exempted by law from attending muſters and other military ſervice:

King's-Houſe, December 13, 1791.

RETURN of QUARTER-GUNNERS belonging to the undermentioned FORTS, with a Liſt of their Names ſubjoined.

Fort-Charles - -	19
Rock-Fort - -	32
Apoſtles-Battery - -	1
Fort-Charlotte - -	2
Fort-Auguſta - -	0
Total -	54

FORT-CHARLES.

James Campbell, John M'Pheat, H. M'Lain, John H'Culloch, Robert Grant, Charles Nicholſon, Samuel Smith, Anthony Duart, John M'Whinney, Robert M'Kowen, William Cox, James Ward, James Worgan, Joſeph Hearne, Benjamin Whittaker, William Clarke, George Langdon, John Chambers, James Aird.

ROCK-FORT.

John Brown, Alexander Duffus, William Smellie, Alexander Ritchie, Joſeph Harriſon, Richard Brodhurſt, James Boyle, Thomas Colliſon, Peter Breton, Benjamin Duncomb, Robert Looſely, James Waddell, James Maxſe, Thomas Sherlock, James Gibſon, John Richards, James Laing, Benjamin Waterhouſe, James Kingſton, Alexander Aikman, Humphry Ewing, William Sproſton, Charles Forbes, Hugh Bogle, Richard Young, Henry Kingſton, Daniel Steel, Launcelot Smith, Alexander Forbes, John Dickſon, George Floyd, John Young.

APOSTLES-BATTERY.

James Murray.

FORT-CHARLOTTE.

William Pattie, William Campbell.

NOTE.—Nine quarter-gunners belonging to Rock-Fort off the iſland, not included in the above return.—Thoſe in the iſland are now doing duty at the fort.

Ordered, That the above meſſage and return do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr Campbell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr Campbell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported eight reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

"1. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee, to bring in a bill to put the fort at Montego-Bay upon the iſland eſtabliſhment."

Ordered, That Mr Vaughan, Mr Tharp, and Mr. Bryan Edwards, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpoſe.

"2 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to Henry Andrew Francken, the ſum of £.100 for his ſervices to the public.

"3. That it be recommended to the Houſe to deny the prayer of the petition of Samuel Long Eſquire, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, by John Henckell, Eſquire, his Attorney, preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

"4 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £ 75 to the order of Lieutenant Stewart, commanding a detachment of his Majeſty's 10th regiment quartered at Fort-George, at Port-Antonio, for the purchaſe of fire-wood and water for the uſe of the ſaid detachment for one year, from the 25th day of March laſt, as by the petition of the ſaid Lieutenant Stewart ſent down to the Houſe on the 3d inſtant by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

"5. That

" 5. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 12 to the order of John Michael Dwyer in full of his account for tranſlating ſundry papers by the directions of his late Excellency, and ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 3d inſtant.

" 6. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the order of the commander in chief the ſum of £. 99, being the amount of the eſtimate for keeping in repair the arms belonging to the country for the enſuing year, as by the account ſent down to the Houſe on the 3d inſtant by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

" 7. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 500 to the order of John Scott, George Scott, Hinton Eaſt, Peter Robertſon, Eliphalet Fitch, and James Lindſay, Eſquires, or any three of them, for repairing the damage done to the embankment raiſed for preventing the encroachment of Plaintain-Garden River, and for other neceſſary purpoſes for the ſafety and ſecurity of the town of Bath.

" 8. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 200 to the order of John Scott, George Scott, Hinton Eaſt, Peter Robertſon, Eliphalet Fitch, and James Lindſay, Eſquires, or any three of them, for the neceſſary repairs and additions to be done to the bathing houſe and the Poor's Hoſpital, at the Bath of St. Thomas the Apoſtle."

Then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that they have agreed to the bill, entitled, " An act for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, " An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;" and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court; for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to Crown-witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned, with the following amendment:

" In the 6th line from the top of the 3d ſheet, after the word *abode*, inſert the following words, *and make return thereof in writing, on oath, of ſuch deputy or deputies.*"

Ordered,

Ordered, That the conſideration of the above meſſage be poſtponed till to-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Mercurii, 14° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS. THE engroſſed bill for continuing ſo much of the preſent law, commonly called the Poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels, for three months longer, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame

The engroſſed bill to revive and continue an act, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes;" which was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, Mr Vaughan, Mr. Scott of Hordley, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Vanheelen, be a committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal several acts and clauses of acts respecting slaves, and for the better order and government of slaves, and for other purposes; and also to repeal the several acts and clauses of acts which were repealed by the act, entitled as aforesaid; and for consolidating and bringing into one act the several laws relating to slaves, and for giving them further protection and security; for altering the mode of trial of slaves charged with capital offences, and for other purposes;" was read a second time.

Resolved, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauses.

Mr. Vaughan, according to order, presented to the House a bill to put the fort at Montego-Bay on the public establishment; which was received and read a first time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the following message be sent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"WE are ordered by the House to acquaint your Honours, that they have agreed to the amendments proposed by your Honours to the bill, entitled, "An act for the further regulation of the service and execution of process, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant special juries, and also commissions for the examination of witnesses, *de bene esse*, directed to such persons as they shall think fit; for repealing an act, passed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, 'An act empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving this island, in any action brought, or to be brought for the recovery of debts actually in suit, in the same manner as if such examinations had been taken and returned under the seal of the city of London, pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;' and for empowering the judges of the said Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving the island during the vacation between the sitting of the said Supreme Court; for granting a daily subsistence to crown-witnesses confined in gaol for want of security; and for other purposes in the said act mentioned;" and have amended the bill accordingly."

Ordered, That Mr Grant and Mr. Redwood be a committee to carry the above message and bill to the Council; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr Shirley, in his place, moved for leave to present a bill to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauses of acts relating to the said militia, to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war, and for other purposes; which was received and read a first time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Lewis, in his place, moved for leave to preſent a bill, declaring that the proclaiming martial law hath not made, nor ſhall make, at any time or times hereafter, a diſcontinuance of ſuits and proceſs at the common law, and to give effect to recognizances reſpited, taken, or returnable, at or to the Supreme Court of Judicature of this iſland; and to prevent an undue priority being had or obtained of judgments of the laſt November Grand Court, and the next Surry aſſizes in January, over judgments to be obtained at the aſſizes to be holden for the county of Cornwall, on the laſt Tueſday in March in the next year; which was received and read a firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour,

And being met,

The bill to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauſes of acts relating to the ſaid militia, to aſcertain who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The bill declaring that the proclaiming martial law hath not made, nor ſhall make, at any time or times hereafter, a diſcontinuance of ſuits and proceſs at the common law, and to give effect to recognizances reſpited, taken, or returnable, at or to the Supreme Court of Judicature of this iſland; and to prevent an undue priority being had or obtained of judgments of the laſt November Grand Court, and the next Surry aſſizes in January, over judgments to be obtained at the aſſizes to be holden for the county of Cornwall, on the laſt Tueſday in March in the next year, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act declaring that the proclaiming martial law hath not made, nor ſhall make, at any time or times hereafter, a diſcontinuance of ſuits and proceſs at the common law, and to give effect to recognizances reſpited, taken, or returnable at or to the Supreme Court of Judicature of this iſland, and to prevent an undue priority being had or obtained of judgments of the laſt November Grand Court, and the next Surry aſſizes in January, over judgments to be obtained at the aſſizes to be holden for the county of Cornwall, on the laſt Tueſday in March in the next year."

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, reported,

"THAT they had taken into conſideration the petition of Francis Rigby Brodbelt, phyſician to the gaol of Saint Jago de la Vega, and are of opinion he ſhould be paid the ſum of £. 100, uſually allowed for attending and adminiſtering medicines to the poor priſoners in the gaol:

"They have examined the account annexed to the petition of John Thomas William Bennett, for advertiſing ſundry reſolutions, ordered by the Houſe, in the Daily Advertiſer, and they find there is due to Strupar, Bennett, and Doddington, the ſum of £. 51 : 7 : 6, which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

They

"They have alſo examined the accounts annexed to the petition of Thomas Alves, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the gaols of Montego-Bay and Martha-Brae, for maintenance of poor priſoners in the ſaid gaols, amounting to the ſum of £. 55 : 8 : 9; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of David Finlayſon, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the gaol for the county of Cornwall, for the maintenance and ſupport of poor priſoners confined for debt, and other priſoners; and for ſupport of evidence for the crown, and money paid by him for conveying priſoners from different parts of the county to the ſaid gaol, amounting to the ſum of £. 71 : 11 : 4; which, they are opinion, ought to be paid.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of Duncan Fraſer, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the gaol for the county of Surrey, for caſh advanced by him to priſoners confined for debt in Kingſton gaol, amounting to £. 415 : 17 : 6; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of Walter Welch, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the gaol for the county of Middleſex, for the ſupport and maintenance of priſoners for debt, and for the ſupport of ſlave criminals committed by ſlave-courts and quarter-ſeſſions, amounting to the ſum of £. 118 : 12 : 8; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of William Dunlop, late ſecretary of the iſland, for recording laws, preparing copies and duplicates, and for other expences and diſburſements relating to his office, amounting to £. 609 : 1 : 3; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of James Jones, ſecretary of the iſland, for tranſcribing and examining deed-books, and making a patent alphabet by direction of the Houſe, and for other diſburſements relating to his office, amounting to £. 575 : 3 : 1; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of John Welſh preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion, for making a drain from the Spaniſh Town barrack hoſpital to the race courſe, and ſundry other repairs for the ſaid barracks; and they find, that in the laſt ſeſſions of Aſſembly, the ſum £. 450, was granted by this Houſe for compleating the drain from the barrack to the race-courſe, digging a pit to receive the filth, bricking the ſides and arching it, agreeably to the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe by his Excellency the Governor; but it appears to the committee, that in digging the pit the workmen found nothing but clay to the depth of twenty five feet, and were therefore obliged to fill it up again and continue the drain acroſs the race-courſe into a ſandy road, where it is diſcharged; by which the expence has exceeded the grant in the ſum of £. 254 : 5 :—Your committee, therefore, beg leave to ſubmit to the Houſe, that the ſaid John Welſh ought to be paid the ſaid ſum of £. 254 : 5, as an expence neceſſarily and unavoidably incurred, to anſwer the purpoſe for which the ſaid grant was intended.

"They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of John Welſh, for the hire of two negro men as watchmen at Fort-Small, from the 20th July, 1790, to the 20th November, 1791, at £. 30 per annum for each, amounting to the ſum of £. 80; which appears to the committee, by the oath of the ſaid John Welſh, to have been placed there by

by the directions of his late Excelleney the Earl of Effingham; but the committee think that the charge is exorbitant, and that he ought not be allowed more than £. 15, per annum for each, and 2s. 6d. each per week for allowance, which will amount to the ſum of £. 57 : 6 : 8; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of David Dickſon, printer, for ſundry printing buſineſs for the public, amounting to the ſum of £. 45 : 6 : 3; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the accounts annexed to the petition of Alexander Aikman, printer to the Houſe, for printing the votes, laws, and other buſineſs, amounting to the ſum of £. 730 : 19 : 4, and the ſum of £. 56 : 3 : 9, for printing buſineſs for the Receiver-General's office; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of James Jones, ſecretary of this iſland, purporting to be an account of book-binding performed by Edward Lewis, and paid by the ſaid James Jones, amounting to the ſum of £. 8 : 2 : 6; which, the committee are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the accounts annexed to the petition of Gilbert Waugh, for the hire of a wherry and five negroes for the uſe of a detachment of the ſixty-ſecond regiment at the Apoſtles Battery, from the 12th November, 1790, to the 19th February, 1791, amounting to the ſum of £. 75; and for the hire of a wherry and five negroes for the uſe of a detachment of the 19th regiment at the ſaid Battery, from the 3d March to the 9th April, amounting to the ſum of £. 28 : 10; both which accounts are properly atteſted, and, the Committee are of opinion, ought to be paid:

" They have alſo taken into conſideration, the petition of James Walker, phyſician and ſurgeon to the gaol of Kingſton, together with an account of medicines adminiſtered to ſick priſoners, and the certificates annexed; and they are of opinion, that from the number of ſick he had under his care, and which he appears to have attended with great tenderneſs and humanity, he ought to be paid the ſum of £. 87 : 18 : 9, being the amount of the account of medicines; and the further ſum of £. 100, as a compenſation for his attendance in adminiſtering them.

" They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of William Fraſer, ſurveyor, for ſurveying the lines at the Government mountain, together with an order of his late Excellency the Earl of Effingham, for that purpoſe, and they are of opinion he ought to be paid the ſum of £. 140 : 0 . 6, being the amount of the ſaid account.

" They have alſo conſidered of the petition of James Dott, of the pariſh of Portland, carpenter, and the account and certificates annexed, whence it appears to the Committee that the ſaid James Dott had contracted with the Commiſſioners of forts and fortifications to perform certain carpenters work in Fort George, in the pariſh of Portland, but in carrying into execution his agreement, an unforeſeen expence was incurred of £. 58 : 10, for extra work and timber, by his being obliged to make a new frame for the officers balcony, the old one being rotten, which ſum of £. 58 : 10, the Committee are of opinion, ought to be paid:

" They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of Robert Pitcairn, carpenter, for ſundry work done about the King's houſe, amounting to £. 153 : 15 : 9, and they are of opinion he ought to be paid the ſum of £. 146 : 0 : 9, being the balance after deducting £. 7 : 15, for an over-charge.

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" They have alſo examined the ſeveral accounts of Fitzſimmons and Jameſon, annexed to the petition of Shawe and Nicholſon, for the hire of a market-boat and negroes for the uſe of the Royal regiment of Artillery in garriſon at Port-Royal, amounting to £ 272 . 5; for the hire of a boat and negroes for the uſe of the 62d regiment in garriſon at Port-Royal. from the 17th November 1790, to the 20th March, 1791, amounting to £ 93. and alſo for the hire of a boat and negroes for the uſe of the laſt mentioned regiment, from the 21ſt March to the 25th April, 1791, amounting to £ 27; which accounts are all properly certified and atteſted, and, being added together, compoſe the ſum of £. 392 : 5; which, the committee are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of John Simpſon, deputy-marſhal of the Court of Vice Admiralty, for ſundry fees of office and diſburſements, amounting to the ſum of £. 78 : 6 : 8; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the account annexed to the petition of William Walker, for buſineſs done as deputy-regiſter and clerk of the arraigns of the Court of Vice Admiralty, amounting to the ſum of £. 128 : 5 : 7½; which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" They have alſo examined the ſeveral accounts ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in his meſſage of the 3d of December inſtant, and find there is due for lodging-money to the officers of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, the ſum of £ 271 : 10;—to the officers of the firſt or royal regiment of foot, the ſum of £. 408 : 1 : 5, after deducting the ſum of £. 14 : 10 : 4. for the lodging-money of the Chaplain;—to the officers of the 10th regiment, the ſum of 241 : 19 : 8, diſallowing £ 7 : 6 : 10, for the lodging-money of the Chaplain;—to the officersof the 62d regiment, the ſum of £. 386 : 0 : 5; and for additional lodging money £ 57 : 0 : 8; alſo an account for ſtore-rent and ſundry ſmall diſburſements, amounting to £. 31, after deducting £. 1 : 0 : 8½, for cartridge paper and twine diſallowed; and to Brigade-Major Manooch the ſum of £. 27 : 18 : 11:—They alſo find there is due to the 10th regiment for ſmall diſburſements, the ſum of £. 3 : 3 : 4, and the ſum of £ 17 : 17 : 6, for ſundry diſburſements for repairs of the barracks at Stoney-Hill:—Alſo, the following accounts:

" An account paid by William Dunlop, agent-general, for removing the baggage of the 19th regiment from Stoney Hill to Greenwich, at the time of their embarkation, amounting to the ſum of £ 74 : 10; alſo an account for removing the baggage of the 14th regiment from Up-Park and Kingſton barracks to the ordnance wharf, amounting to £. 42.

" James Jones's account of waggonage for removing the baggage and ſtores of the 10th regiment, amounting to £. 144 : 10.

" An account due to the Crawle Eſtate, for conveying the baggage of the 14th regiment to Kingſton, amounting to £. 82 : 10; alſo an account for conveying the baggage of the 10th regiment to Stoney-Hill, which amounts to £. 16 : 10.

" An account of freight, wharfage, and wainage, due to John Morriſon, incurred for the uſe of the 62d regiment, amounting to £ 156 : 15 : 5; and alſo, an account of wharfage, and for the hire of a ſtore for the uſe of the 19th regiment, to the amount of £. 9 : 11 : 3.

" An account due to Neſbitt Corr Tyrrell, of Port-Antonio, amounting to £. 26 : 9 : 6, for ſupplying the detachment quartered there, with wood and water, to the 2d of July laſt.

" William Bailey's account for the hire of two wherries and ten negroes, for the uſe of the troops quartered at Fort-Auguſta, for 360 days, ending 16th of November laſt, amounting to £. 540.

" An account due to Robert Wetherell, amounting to £ 432 : 11 : 3, for ſupplying the troops quartered at Fort-Charles with freſh water to the 31ſt of October laſt; alſo, an account for ſupplying freſh water for the troops quartered at Fort-Auguſta until that day, amounting to £. 461 : 5; and alſo, an account for ſupplying the troops quartered at the Apoſtles-Battery with freſh water until the ſaid day, amounting to £. 50 : 16 : 3.

" All which accounts, the committee are of opinion, ought to be paid.

" There is alſo an account ſent down in his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage of the 3d of December, for the carriage of baggage, clothing, ammunition, &c of the 10th regiment, amounting to £. 108 : 4 : 7; the greateſt part of which account being compoſed of monies paid to dray-men and for other diſburſements, by the Quarter-Maſter of the regiment, which are not properly atteſted, the committee have not thought proper to paſs the ſame "

Ordered, That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to aſſure the Houſe, in anſwer to their meſſage of yeſterday, that he will not, at any juncture, grant any improper indulgences; that he truſts he ſhall not abuſe the power committed to his care; nor will he be, even in the juſt ſupport of the prerogative, unmindful of the rights of the people: All officers, and others, ſhall be ſtrictly enjoined to a performance of their duty."

Ordered, That the above meſſage do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

A meſſage from the Council, by their clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that they have agreed to the bill, entitled, " An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war," with the following amendments:

" In the 7th line from the top of the rider to the ſaid bill, after the word *manner*, *dele* the words *herein before*, and inſtead thereof, inſert the following words, *as by the law now in force for eſtabliſhing, diſciplining, and regulating the militia, is*—

" In the 17th line from the top of the ſame, after the word *from*, *dele* all the following words as far as the word *martial*, incluſive, in the 19th line from the top, and inſtead thereof inſert the following words, *the commander in chief for the time being.*"

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid bill.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe, for their conſideration, ſundry accounts and papers which have lately come to his hands, a liſt of which is annexed;

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Ordered, That Mr. VanBeelen and Mr Shirley have leave of abſence for to-morrow.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe to-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 15° Die Decembris, 1791.

PRAYERS ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, to expreſs their ſatisfaction at your Honour's meſſage of yeſterday, and more eſpecially at your aſſuring the Houſe, that all officers and others ſhall be enjoined a performance of their duty during the preſent martial law; the Houſe, however, find it neceſſary to requeſt that Alexander Aikman, Thomas Sherlock, and Jonathan N. Sherlock, who are at this time employed in printing the laws of this iſland, may be exempted by your Honour from military duty."

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell and Mr. Whitehorne be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The engroſſed bill "Declaring that the proclaiming martial law hath not made, nor ſhall make, at any time or times hereafter, a diſcontinuance of ſuits and proceſs at the common law, and to give effect to recognizances reſpited, taken, or returnable at or to the Supreme Court of Judicature of this iſland, and to prevent an undue priority being had or obtained of Judgments of the laſt November grand court and the next Surry aſſizes in January, over judgments to be obtained at the aſſizes to be holden for the county of Cornwall, on the laſt Tueſday in March in the next year," was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint your Honours, that they have agreed to the amendments propoſed by your Honours to the rider of the bill, entitled, "An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war;" and have amended the ſame accordingly."

Ordered, That Mr. Redwood and Mr. James Mitchell be a committee to carry the above meſſage to the Council, as alſo the above engroſſed bill, and to deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to aſſure the Houſe, that he feels the utmoſt ſatisfaction at the humane and liberal vote of yeſterday, relative to the barracks at Spaniſh-Town, and he will give orders for the accommodation of the troops now occupying the lower rooms and huts.

"I AM alſo commanded to inform the houſe, that Alexander Aikman, Thomas Sherlock, and Jonathan N. Sherlock, are exempted from military duty."

Ordered, That the above meſſage do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

The Houſe according to order reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauſes of acts relating to the ſaid militia, to aſcertain who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill, where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be "An act to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauſes of acts relating to the ſaid militia, to aſcertain who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes."

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour.

And being met,

The engroſſed bill to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauſes of acts relating to the ſaid militia, to aſcertain who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee to carry the above bill to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who returning reported the delivery thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 16° Die Decembris, 1791.

A MESSAGE from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the provoſt-Marſhal, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this honourable Houſe, in the Council-Chamber, immediately."

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe went up; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in the Council-chamber, where he was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the following bills:

1. An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, retailed within this iſland; and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices, and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes.

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2 An act for continuing ſo much of the preſent law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels, for three months longer.

3. An act to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauſes of acts relating to the ſaid militia, to aſcertain who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes.

4. An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war.

5. An act for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due.

6. An act for granting pay, or otherwiſe ſubſiſting the non-commiſſioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purpoſes.

7. An act to appoint commiſſioners to inſpect the books of the Receiver-General, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts.

8. An act for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes in this iſland.

9. An act declaring that the proclaiming martial law hath not made, nor ſhall make, at any time or times hereafter, a diſcontinuance of ſuits and proceſs at the common law, and to give effect to recognizances reſpited, taken, or returnable at or to the Supreme Court of Judicature of this iſland, and to prevent an undue priority being had or obtained of judgments of the laſt November Grand Court, and the next Surry aſſizes in January, over judgments to be obtained at the aſſizes to be holden for the county of Cornwall, on the laſt Tueſday in March in the next year.

10. An act to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;" and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland.

11. An act for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, 'An act for empowering any one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland, in any action brought, or to be brought for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;' and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court, for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to crown witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned.

12. An act to revive and continue an act, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order

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der and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes."

13. An act to regulate the fees of the Governor's Secretary.

14. An act for releaſing and diſcharging Joſeph Cuthbert, Eſquire, from the truſts contained in the indenture or deed of marriage ſettlement of Lewis Cuthbert and Jane his wife, and ſubſequent deed, of date the 16th day of May, 1780, and for appointing other truſtees, and veſting in them the ſlaves and ſecurities for money mentioned in the ſaid deed of ſettlement, and ſubſequent deed, upon the ſame truſts as are therein contained.

15. An act to entitle Patience Hermitt, of the pariſh of St Catherine, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named, Mary Hermitt, Benjamin Hume Hermitt, William Hermitt, and Ann Hermitt, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions.

16. An act to entitle Suſannah Young, of the pariſh of St Elizabeth, a free mulatto woman, and her ſeveral children, named William Salmon, John Salmon, Charles Salmon, Edward Salmon, Sarah Salmon, Ann Salmon, and Suſannah Young Salmon, free quadroons, to the ſame rights and privileges with Engliſh ſubjects born of white parents, under certain reſtrictions.

Ordered, That the following meſſages be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

(FIRST MESSAGE.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, to requeſt you will be pleaſed to direct a return of the different regiments of horſe and foot militia to be laid before the Houſe after the expiration of the martial law."

(SECOND MESSAGE.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, to requeſt you will be pleaſed to poſtpone the ſailing of the packet 'till Thurſday the 22d inſtant."

Ordered, That Mr Campbell and Mr. Scott of Hordley be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſages; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour, in anſwer to the firſt meſſage, was pleaſed to ſay, he would comply with the requeſt of the Houſe; and, in anſwer to the ſecond meſſage, that he would give directions accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſecretary of this iſland do cauſe the following laws to be immediately printed by the printer of this Houſe, *viz.*

An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits retailed within this iſland, and for laying a further tax on licenſes to be granted for

the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other diſtilled ſpirits, and on the public offices, and for applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly, and to each juſtice of the peace and to the clerks of the peace and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland, two copies to the commiſſioners of public accounts, one copy to each collector and inſpector of the rum duty, and ſix copies to the receiver-general.

An act for the more ſpeedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; two copies to each clerk of the veſtry; two copies to the commiſſioners of accounts; and two copies to the receiver-general

An act to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for the better order and government of the negroes belonging to the ſeveral maroon towns, and for preventing them from purchaſing of ſlaves, and for encouraging the ſaid negroes to go in purſuit of runaway ſlaves, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and for giving the maroon negroes further protection and ſecurity, for altering the mode of trial and for other purpoſes:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; one copy to each ſuperintendent of the negro towns; one copy to each magiſtrate, and to each clerk of the peace and veſtry of this iſland; and one copy to the receiver-general.

An act to authorize and empower the juſtices and veſtry of the ſeveral pariſhes of this iſland, to make and erect pounds for the better ſecuring of all ſtrays of horſes, mares, mules, aſſes, and horned cattle, belonging to the inhabitants of this iſland:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; one copy to each magiſtrate; and one copy to each pound-keeper, and to the clerks of the peace and veſtry of this iſland

An act to regulate the militia, to repeal certain acts and clauſes of acts relating to the ſaid militia, to aſcertain who ſhall compoſe future councils of war, and for other purpoſes:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; ſix copies to each colonel or commanding officer of a regiment or battalion; one copy to each field officer; one copy to each captain commanding a company; one copy to the judge-advocate-general, and to each of his deputies; one copy to each cuſtos; one copy to each clerk of the veſtry; and one copy to each marſhal of a regiment or battalion.

An act for eſtabliſhing and declaring rules and articles of war:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; ſix copies to each colonel or commanding officer of a regiment or battalion; one copy to each field officer; one copy to each captain commanding a company; one copy to the judge-advocate-general, and to each of his deputies; one copy to each cuſtos; one copy to each clerk of the veſtry; and one copy to each marſhal of a regiment or battalion.

An act for the further regulation of the ſervice and execution of proceſs, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the Supreme Court of Judicature to grant ſpecial juries, and alſo commiſſions for the examination of witneſſes, *de bene eſſe*, directed to ſuch perſons as they ſhall think fit; for repealing an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, 'An act for empowering any one of the

the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving this iſland, in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in ſuit, in the ſame manner as if ſuch examinations had been taken and returned under the ſeal of the city of London, purſuant to an act of Parliament paſſed in the fifth year of the reign of George the Second;' and for empowering the judges of the ſaid Supreme Court of Judicature to take the examination of witneſſes leaving the iſland during the vacation between the ſitting of the ſaid Supreme Court, for granting a daily ſubſiſtence to crown witneſſes confined in gaol for want of ſecurity; and for other purpoſes in the ſaid act mentioned:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; one copy to each judge of the Supreme Court and juſtice of aſſize; three copies to the clerk of the Supreme Court; and eight copies to the provoſt-marſhal-general.

An act for eſtabliſhing public workhouſes in the ſeveral pariſhes in this iſland:—One copy of which to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each of the members of the Council and Aſſembly; one copy to each magiſtrate, workhouſe-keeper, and clerk of the peace and veſtry in this iſland.

And that he do cauſe the following laws to be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland, for two weeks, viz.

An act to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for licenſing hawkers and pedlars, and for applying the monies to ariſe from granting ſuch licenſes towards the ſupport and maintenance of the poor of the pariſhes where ſuch licenſes are granted;" and for prohibiting the practice of hawking and pedling within the pariſhes of this iſland.

An act for granting pay, or otherwiſe ſubſiſting the non-commiſſioned officers and privates of the militia during martial law, and for other purpoſes.

An act for continuing ſo much of the preſent law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels, for three months longer.

An act to revive and continue an act, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes."

Then the Houſe adjourned till Tueſday morning, the 21ſt day of February next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Partis

Martis, 21° Die Februarii 1792.

PRAYERS. MR SPEAKER laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Bolt, acquainting him of his intention to leave the iſland for the benefit of his health, and requeſting that the Houſe would vacate his ſeat.

Reſolved, That the ſeat of William Bolt, Eſquire, be vacated accordingly.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to give directions for iſſuing a writ to chooſe a repreſentative for the pariſh of St. Ann, in the room of William Bolt, Eſquire, whoſe ſeat the Houſe have vacated."

Ordered, That Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Fitch be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would give directions accordingly.

Mr Speaker alſo laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, agent for this iſland; which being read,

"SIR, "London, 12th Nov. 1791.

"BY a letter from Lord Grenville to our chairman, dated yeſterday, we are informed, that his Majeſty has given orders for ſending, for the preſent, one regiment of foot from Barbadoes to Jamaica; and that it is alſo in contemplation to ſend, for the preſent, ſome ſmall augmentation of naval force to Jamaica: I beg leave to refer you, for further particulars, to my public letters during the courſe of this laſt fortnight.

"I have the honour to be,
"With the greateſt regard,
"SIR,
"Your moſt faithful and obliged humble ſervant,
"STEPHEN FULLER."

The Hon. the
SPEAKER of the ASSEMBLY.

Ordered, That the ſaid letter do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committe of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the Iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

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Mr Blake, from the committee, reported twenty-nine reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read by the clerk, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follows:

" 1. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying the ſum of £. 100, to the order of Doctor Francis Rigby Brodbelt, phyſician to the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega, in full for his attendance on, and medicines adminiſtered to, the poor priſoners in the ſaid gaol, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 51 : 7 : 6, to the order of Strupar, Bennett, and Doddington, printers, in full of the account annexed to their petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 3. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 55 : 8 : 9, to the order of Thomas Alves, deputy-marſhal for the pariſhes of Trelawny and St James, in full of the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 4. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 71 : 11 : 4, to the order of David Finlayſon, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the county gaol of Cornwall, in full of the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 5. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 415 : : 17 : 6, to the order of Duncan Fraſer, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the county gaol of Surry, in full of the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 6. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 118 : 12 : 8, to the order of Walter Welch, deputy-marſhal and keeper of the county gaol of Middleſex, in full of the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 7. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 609 : 1 : 3, to the order of William Dunlop, Eſquire, late ſecretary of this iſland in full for recording the laws, and for other buſineſs relating to his office, as by the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 8 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of James Jones, Eſquire, ſecretary of this iſland, the ſum of £. 575 : 3 : 1, for tranſcribing and examining deed-books, and making a patent alphabet, by direction of the Houſe, and for other diſburſements relating to his office, as by the accounts annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 9. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of John Welſh the ſum of £. 254 : 5, for compleating the drain from the barrack to the race-courſe, digging a pit to receive the filth, bricking and arching it; the ſum of £. 450, granted by the Houſe the laſt ſeſſion for the above

purpoſe, being found inſufficient, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 10 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of John Welſh the ſum of £. 57 : 6 : 8, in full of the account annexed to his petition to the Houſe this ſeſſion, for the hire and allowance of two watchmen at Fort-Small, from the 20th of July, 1790, to the 20th of November, 1791.

" 11. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 45 : 6 : 3, to the order of David Dickſon, printer, in full of the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 12. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 787 : 3 : 1, to the order of Alexander Aikman, printer, in full of the ſeveral accounts annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion; as alſo, the further ſum of £. 400, for printing the journals of the ſeſſion of Aſſembly in 1790, including the index and copies for the different pariſhes.

" 13. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of James Jones, Eſquire, ſecretary of this iſland, the ſum of £. 8 : 2 : 6, for book-binding performed by Edward Lewis, and paid by the ſaid James Jones, as by the petition of the ſaid James Jones preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 14 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £ 103 : 10, to the order of Gilbert Waugh, in full for ſupplying the troops at the Apoſtles Battery with a wherry and five negroes, as by the account annexed to his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 15 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 87 : 18 : 9, to the order of Doctor James Walker, phyſician to the gaol of the county of Surry, in full for medicines ſupplied the ſick priſoners in the ſaid gaol; as alſo, the further ſum of £. 100, as a compenſation for his attendance in adminiſtering them, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 16. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of William Fraſer, ſurveyor, the ſum of £ 140 : 0 : 6, for ſurveying the lines at the Government Mountain, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 17. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of James Dott the ſum of £. 58 : 10, for extra work done by him and timber found to make a new frame for the officers balcony at Fort-George, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 18. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of Robert Pitcairn, carpenter, the ſum of £. 146 : 0 : 9, for ſundry work done about the King's-Houſe, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 19 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills for paying the ſum of £, 392 : 5, to the order of Fitzſimmops and Jameſon, in full for ſupplying the troops at Port-Royal with a market-boat and five negroes,

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as by the accounts annexed to the petition of Shaw and Nicholſon, on their behalf, preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion

" 20. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of John Simpſon, deputy-marſhal of the court of Vice-Admiralty, the ſum of £ 78 : 6 : 8, for ſundry fees of office and diſburſements, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 21. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of William Walker, Eſquire, deputy-regiſter and clerk of the arraigns of the court of Vice Admiralty, the ſum of £. 128 : 5 : 7½, for buſineſs done, as by his petition preſented to the Houſe this ſeſſion.

" 22. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct the receiver-general, out of the appropriations of the year 1790, to pay to the officers of his Majeſty's troops the ſeveral ſums due them for lodging-money, and ſet oppoſite their reſpective names in the accounts ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to the Houſe on the 3d day of December laſt; alſo, the ſum of £ 29 : 19 : 3½, for ſtore-rent and ſundry ſmall diſburſements due the 62d regiment; alſo, the ſum of £. 27 : 18 : 11, to the order of Brigade Major Manooch; alſo, the ſum of £. 5 : 8 : 4, due the 10th regiment for ſmall diſburſements; and alſo, the ſum of £. 17 : 17 : 6, for ſundry diſburſements for repairs at the barracks at Stoney-Hill, as ſet forth in the ſaid meſſage.

" 23. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of William Dunlop, Eſquire, agent-general, the ſum of £. 74 : 10, for removing the baggage of the 19th regiment from Stoney-Hill to Greenwich, at the time of their embarkation; alſo, the further ſum of £ 42, for removing the baggage of the 14th regiment from Up-Park and Kingſton barracks to the Ordnance Wharf, as by the account ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d December laſt.

" 24. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of James Jones the ſum of £ 144 : 10, in full for his account of waggonage for removing the baggage and ſtores of the 10th regiment, as by the account ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 3d December laſt.

" 25 That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of the proprietor of the Crawle Eſtate the ſum of £ 82 : 10, for conveying the baggage of the 14th regiment to Kingſton; as alſo, the further ſum of £. 16 : 10, for conveying the baggage of the 10th regiment to Stoney-Hill, as by the accounts ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d December laſt.

" 26. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of John Moriſon the ſum of £ 156 : 15 : 5, for the freight, wharfage, and wainage, incurred for the uſe of the 62d regiment; as alſo, the further ſum of £. 9 : 11 : 3, for the wharfage and for the hire of a ſtore for the uſe of the 19th regiment, as by his account ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d of December laſt.

" 27. That

" 27. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of Neſbitt Corr Tyrrell the ſum of £. 26 : 9 : 6, for ſupplying the detachment quartered at Port-Antonio with wood and water to the 2d July laſt, as by his account ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, on the 3d December laſt.

" 28. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 540, to the order of William Bailey, in full for the hire of two wherries and negroes for the uſe of his Majeſty's troops quartered at Fort-Auguſta from the 11th day of November, 1790, to the 15th day of November laſt, as by the accounts ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 29. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money bills, for paying the ſum of £. 944 : 12 : 6, to the order of Robert Wetherell, in full for ſupplying the troops at Fort Charles, Fort-Auguſta, and the Apoſtles-Battery, with freſh water, as by the accounts ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt."

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

And then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.
S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Mercurii, 22° Die Februarii, 1792.

PRAYERS. THE Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act entitled, " An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government

ment of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;" and alſo, to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then Mr. Shirley acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his ſecretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM directed by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform the Houſe, that his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to order the 49th regiment to this iſland, in addition to the four already here; that the ſaid regiment arrived in two diviſions on the 5th and 7th of this month, and are now quartered at Fort-Auguſta; and his Honour truſts the Houſe will provide for them accordingly."

Ordered, That the above meſſage be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 23° Die Februarii, 1792.

PRAYERS THE Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and govern-

ment of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through a further part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Veneris, 24° Die Februarii, 1792.

PRAYERS. MR. BARRETT, from the committee appointed to enquire into, and report to the Houſe, the propriety of all ſuch petitions as may be preſented this ſeſſion for gants of money for public roads, and for inſpecting into and reporting the preſent ſtate of all public roads for which money has been granted by the Houſe, or on which tolls have been erected, reported,

"That

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the inhabitants of St. Ann, on behalf of themſelves and other the inhabitants of ſaid pariſh; as alſo, on behalf of the inhabitants of the pariſhes of Trelawny, St James, and Hanover, and recommend to the Houſe to direct the ſum of £. 400, to be paid to the order of William Mitchell, George Goodin Barrett, William Hull, John Davidſon, William Voce, James Sims, and Henry Tucker, or any three of them, towards compleating that part of the road from Voce's to Hull's Gate, in the pariſh of St Ann; ſuch order to be given on the receiver-general, at the foot of accounts, atteſted on oath, for work done and performed, and not other-otherwiſe:—the further ſum of £. 400, to be paid to the order of William Mitchell, George Goodin Barrett, John Blagrove, William Robertſon, Adam Anderſon, and John Davidſon, or any three of them, towards repairing that part of the road from Hull's Gate to the interſection of the Clarendon road; ſuch order to be given on the receiver-general, at the foot of accounts, atteſted as aforeſaid:—and the further ſum of £. 200, to be paid to the order of William Mitchell, George Goodin Barrett, John Blagrove, William Robertſon, James Sims, and Adam Anderſon, or any three of them, towards compleating that part of the road, from the interſection of the pariſh of Clarendon, to the boundary of the pariſh of Trelawny; ſuch order to be given on the receiver-general, at the foot of accounts, atteſted as aforeſaid.

"That they have likewiſe enquired into the allegations of the petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the pariſh of St Catherine, and recommend to the Houſe, to direct the ſum of £. 200, to be paid to the order of John Verdon, Edward Brailsford, Henry Rennalls, John James, and Doctor Iſaac Titford, or any three of them, towards repairing the road leading from the Rio Cobre bridge into the pariſh of St. Thomas in the Vale, acroſs the mountains; ſuch order to be given on the receiver-general, at the foot of accounts, atteſted as aforeſaid.

"That they have likewiſe enquired into the allegations of the petition of the magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and freeholders, of the pariſh of St. Mary, and recommend to the Houſe, to direct the ſum of £. 400, to be paid to the order of Zachary Bayly Edwards, William Mitchell, Sir Alexander Grant, Baronet, Alexander Wright, and William Parker, or any three of them, towards repairing, and keeping in repair, the Palmeto-Grove road, leading from the pariſh of St Mary to Hampſhire;—alſo, the ſum of £. 200, to be paid to the order of William Mitchell, Philip Redwood, Hector M'Lean, Henry Archbould, and Theophilus Lyons, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Berkſhire-Hall eſtate, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to Hermon Hill, in the pariſh of St. Mary; ſuch orders to be given on the receiver-general, at the foot of accounts, atteſted as aforeſaid.

"That they have likewiſe enquired into the allegations of the petition of the pariſh of St Mary, and recommend to the Houſe to direct the ſum of £. 200, to be paid to the order of Zachary Bayly Edwards, William Roſs of Richmond, William Smellie, John Sadler, and Patrick Lynch, or any three of them, towards repairing and widening the road from Richmond Pen, in the pariſh of St. Mary, to the foot of Dears's Mountain, in the pariſh of St. Andrew; ſuch order to be given as aforeſaid.

"That the committee have likewiſe enquired into the allegations of the petition of the inhabitants of St. Andrew and town of Kingſton, and recommend to the Houſe, to direct the ſum of £. 500, to be paid to the order of Bryan Edwards, Henry Shirley, James Cockburn, Robert Hibbert, and William Smith, or any three of them, towards repairing and widening

widening the road leading from the parish of St. Mary to the town of Kingston; such order to be subject as aforesaid.

"That they have likewise enquired into the allegations of the petition of certain freeholders and other inhabitants of the several parishes of St. Andrew, Port Royal, St. David, and St George, and recommend to the House, to direct the sum of £ 300, to be paid to the order of Robert Law, John Woolfreys, Samuel Barnett, James Concannon, and John Jackson, or any three of them, for erecting a bridge over Mammee River, and improving the road leading from thence to Hope estate; such order to be subject to the restrictions aforesaid.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the freeholders and others inhabiting the upper part of the parish of St David, and recommend to the House to direct the sum of £ 200, to be paid to the order of George Robinson, Andrew Deans, John Halsted, James Harriott, and Robert Whitfinch, or any three of them, towards repairing the road leading from Kingston to Blue-Mountain Valley, in the parish of St. Thomas in the East; such order to be subject to the restrictions aforesaid.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the freeholders of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, and recommend to the House to direct the sum of £ 350, to be paid to the order of Archibald Edgar, James Lindsay, William Lambie, William Innes, and John Murray, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle to Port-Antonio; such order to be subject to the restrictions aforesaid.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the magistrates, vestry, and other freeholders, of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, praying for the grant of a sum of money towards building a bridge over Nutts River, and recommend to the House to direct the sum of £. 200 to be paid to the order of the Honourable John Scott, William Kennedy John Johnstone, John Reid, and Charles William Michell, or any three of them, for that purpose; such order to be subject to the restrictions aforesaid.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the magistrates, freeholders, and inhabitants of the parish of Portland, praying for a grant of money to build a bridge over Port-Antonio river, in the aforesaid parish, and recommend to the House to direct the sum of £. 300, to be paid to the order of Charles Bryan, Edward Wilson, Samuel Orr, John King, and Thomas Oakley, or any three of them, for that purpose; such order to be subject to the restrictions aforesaid.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the magistrates, vestrymen, and freeholders of the parish of Portland, praying for the grant of a sum of money towards keeping in repair the road from Port-Antonio along the banks of the Rio Grande to Bath, and recommend to the House to direct the sum of £ 150, to be paid to the order of William Burke, Robert Mills, William Betts, George Minot, and Edward Wilson, or any three of them, for that purpose; such order to be subject to the restrictions as aforesaid.

"That the committee have likewise enquired into the allegations of the petition of the magistrates, vestry, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. James, praying for the grant of a sum of money to build a bridge over the Great-River in the said parish, and recommend to the House to direct the sum of £. 900, to be paid to the order of Colonel Reid,

Reid, Leonard Parkinſon, William Hudſon, James Lawrence, and John Robert James, or any three of them, for that purpoſe; ſuch order to be ſubject to the ſame reſtrictions as the foregoing.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of the inhabitants of the pariſh of Hanover, for allowing them a ſum of money to amend and repair the road from Flint-River to the Tavern at Hudſon's, and recommend the granting the ſum of £ 300, to be paid to the order of John Gardiner, William Hudſon, George Malcolm, Robert Scarlett, and Richard H. Reid, or any three of them, for that purpoſe; ſuch order to be ſubject to the ſame reſtrictions as the foregoing.

"That they have enquired into the allegations of the petition of a number of ſettlers of a tract of land in the mountains of St. James, Trelawny, and St Elizabeth, in the vicinity of the maroon towns of Trelawny and Accompong, and recommend the granting of the ſum of £. 400, to the order of Leonard Parkinſon, Robert Kenyon, Narciſſus Samuels, Ralph Mountague, and Iſaac Laſcelles Winn, or any three of them, to compleat the road commonly called the Elderſly road; ſuch order to be ſubject to the ſame reſtriction as the foregoing.

"And that they have alſo enquired into the allegations of the petition of the cuſtos, magiſtrates, veſtrymen, and other inhabitants, of the pariſh of St. Elizabeth, praying for the grant of a ſum of money to compleat the road commonly called the Cheſterfield road; they therefore recommend to the Houſe to grant the ſum of £. 400, for the above purpoſe, to the order of the Reverend Thomas Warren, Thomas S. Salmon, Charles Rowe, Colonel Reid, and John Laird, or any three of them; ſubject to the reſtrictions as aforeſaid."

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Reſolved, That the committtee of the whole Houſe, to whom any of the money bills ſtands committed, do receive a clauſe or clauſes for paying the ſeveral ſums recommended in the above report, and ſubject to the reſtrictions therein mentioned.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;" and alſo, to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported that they had gone through a further part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his ſecretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe, two ſmall contingent accounts of his Majeſty's 1ſt and 10th regiments of foot; a letter from the receiver-general, ſtating that the fund for fitting out parties of Maroons, to the 31ſt of December laſt, had been exceeded in the ſum of £. 190 : 13 : 9¼, in conſequence of which his Honour had declined ordering payment of further party accounts preſented to him, to the amount of £. 166 : 3 : 9¼, till proviſion ſhould be made for them; together with two letters, one from the Colonial Aſſembly of St. Domingo, and the other from the Civil National Commiſſaries, to his Honour; alſo, ſundry extracts of reſolutions of the ſaid Aſſembly; all which he ſubmits to the conſideration of the Houſe:

CONTINGENCIES incurred by the 1ſt Battalion Royal, from 25th June to 24th December, 1791.

July 1.	Three ſpike nails for market-cart	£.	1	3
Sept. 9.	A new wheel for market-cart		4	
11.	Putting 2 breaking tire and mending them, and 15 new tire nails ditto		12	6
12	Cart-hire for a ſerjeant's party to Rock-Fort		10	
16.	Making the body of a new market-cart		1	
17.	Hire of a boat for ammunition to and from Fort-Auguſta		7	6
Oct. 17	Mending the market mule's collar		2	6
Nov. 4	A ſtrong cart-collar for ditto		10	
3.	Rope for ditto		2	6
14	A new wheel for market-cart		4	
Dec. 7.	Cart-hire for ſick men to Kingſton		5	
	Boat hire for ditto to Port-Royal		5	
16.	Cart-hire for a captain's party to and from Kingſton		7	10
		£.	19	6 3

ALEXANDER DAVIDSON, *Qr. Maſter Royal.*

"I DO certify, that I believe the above account, ſigned by Alexander Davidſon, quarter-maſter of the Royal, to be perfectly juſt and true.

"J. W. GREEN, *Maj. 1ſt Royal.*

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To his Majeſty's 10th Regiment of Foot, Dr.

1791.				
July 18.	To 294 feet of boards and ſcantling for fitting up an hoſpital at the old barrack,	£.	3	2½
	Carried forward	£.	3	2½

Brought

		£.		
	Brought over - -	3		2½
	To one dray from Kingſton to Stoney-Hill with the above	1	6	8
	To 12lb. of nails for ditto - - -		15	
	To three buſhels lime 5s. carriage 1/8 - - -		6	8
	To paid George Wilſon for repairing the wall, and whitewaſhing the hoſpital two days at 2s. 6d. each - -		5	
Aug. 10.	To paid corporal Ames and John Harris, per bill and order of Major M'Lachlan, for making a ſurgery and platform in the hoſpital	3	3	9
	To one ſtock-lock for ſurgery - - -		2	6
15.	To paid Mr. Robert Aſhburne for a new cart for the uſe of the hoſpital and officers meſs - - -	16	13	4
	To paid for a ſet of harneſs for the two mules of the meſs-cart	7	10	
Nov 23.	To two arm-cheſts for taking the new arms to Lucea and Port-Antonio, and to bring back the old - -	2	6	8
24.	To paid for 57 iron bars for the black-hole window -		6	8
	To making a centry-box for the centry at the proviſion ſtore	1	2	6
Dec. 8.	To paid for a boat from Kingſton to Fort-Auguſta, and back again with two barrels of powder - - -		10	
	To paid for one dray from Kingſton to Stoney-Hill with the ſame	1	6	8
26.	To a pair of ſtrong hinges for the door of the new barrack guard-room - - - -		5	
	To a padlock for the black-hole - - -		6	8
		£ 39	7	3½

JOHN BARKER, *Major, & Capt. com. 10th Reg.*

" SIR, Receiver-General's Office, January 19, 1792.

" AGREEABLY to the deſire of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, ſignified in your letter of the 17th, I beg leave to acquaint you, that the ſeveral orders for payment of maroon parties exceed the appropriations, to the 31ſt of December laſt, in the ſum of £. 190 : 13 : 9¾; but I preſume, there would be a further grant in the rum law of laſt ſeſſion, which, for the want of that law, I am unable to ſtate.

" I have the honour to be,

" SIR,

" Your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

W. SHAW, *Eſq.*
Sec. to his Honaur the LT. GOV.

" JAMES STEWART, *pro R. G.*"

The COLONIAL ASSEMBLY of the French Part of ST. DOMINGO, to the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of JAMAICA.

" SIR, Cape, 14th February, 1792.

" YOUR letter of the 26th of January to the Lieutenant-General in the Government, was communicated to the Colonial Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo, in their ſitting of the night of the 10th of this month; as alſo, the minutes of the Privy Council held at St. Jago de la Vega on the 10th of January.

" The

" The repreſentatives of the French part of St. Domingo did not know that theſe letters were to be communicated to them by the Lieutenant-General, in order to ſtate the circumſtances of ſending back a ſet of rebel negroes into this colony. You will ſee in the extract of the proces-verbal of the ſitting of the morning of the ſame day, that the Colonial Aſſembly in ſome meaſure anticipated your complaint, by the declaration made to Captains Affleck and Lee, of the Blonde frigate and Serpent ſloop of war; you will ſee likewiſe in the proces-verbal of the ſitting at night, that on reading your complaint it was immediately ordered, 1ſt, That the Sieur Colmain, Captain of the ſhip Emanuel, ſhould be put in a ſtate of arreſt, and brought to the Cape under a ſafeguard, to give an account of his conduct. 2dly, That an embargo ſhould be laid on the ſhip Emanuel, of Nantz. 3dly, And that the Provincial Aſſembly of the weſt, ſitting at Port au-Prince, might ſend to the Cape without delay, every document that may ſerve to throw light on the expedition of Captain Colmain.

" The arreſt of the Sieur Colmain, and the requiſition of every voucher that can throw light on his expedition, have for their object, to inflict an exemplary puniſhment on the Captain, and on thoſe who directed his landing on any of the Britiſh territories; and the embargo on the ſhip which he commanded, has for its object, to ſecure a pledge to the colony for the payment, which ſhe engages to make, of all the expences occaſioned by the return of theſe negroes, and not to leave in the breaſts of our neighbours, the Engliſh, any doubt of the payment of their diſburſements. You will ſee, Sir, by the reſolution of the Colonial Aſſembly of the 14th of this month, that the colony remains expreſsly charged to refund them, whatever may be the event of their claims on Captain Colmain, and on the ſhip Emanuel, of Nantz, which he commanded.

" The Colonial Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo aſſure themſelves, that after this explanation, neither you, Sir, nor the General Aſſembly of Jamaica, nor any of the inhabitants of that iſland, will entertain a ſuſpicion, that a deſign was formed here to caſt thieves, aſſaſſins, and incendiaries into the Britiſh dominions. This idea, if credited in Jamaica, muſt have vaniſhed on a moment's reflection. We have amongſt you commiſſaries taken from our Colonial Aſſembly to crave pecuniary ſuccours of you, for which we have ſuch preſſing occaſion. In ſuch circumſtances, can that Aſſembly be ſuppoſed guilty of the moſt flagrant and atrocious perfidy? no, Sir. And the Colonial Aſſembly are ſo well convinced that you rejected as ſoon as known this cauſe of diſcontent, that they now requeſt, jointly with the Lieutenant-General in the Government of this colony, 6,000 barrels of flour and other articles, ſuch as beef, beer, and rum; which you will perceive by the reſolution of this day, and by the requiſition made you in conſequence, by the Lieutenant-General in the Government. Our moſt ardent wiſh is to cement, and to perpetuate our union with ſo wiſe and generous a nation; and above all, with ſuch neighbours as the inhabitants of Jamaica.

" Done at the Cape, in the ſitting of the Colonial Aſſembly, of the 14th of Feb. 1792.

(Signed) DELAVAL, Preſident."

Letter from the CIVIL NATIONAL COMMISSARIES to the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of JAMAICA, 16th February, 1792.

" SIR, Cape-Francois, 15th Feb. 1792.

" THE Colonial Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo have already called upon you

you for ſuccour, and now call on you again for a ſupply of flour, wine, beef, and rum; and the Aſſembly requeſt us to write you on this ſubject.

" Permit therefore, Sir, that we join our entreaties to thoſe of the Colonial Aſſembly and the Lieutenant-General in the Government, that you would cauſe the ſuccours requeſted to be procured; and eſpecially, as ſoon as poſſible, 6000 barrels of flour, of which the colony ſtands in the moſt urgent need.

" The misfortunes of St Domingo ought ſo ſenſiby to intereſt all the colonies, and your beneficent diſpoſition is ſo well known to us, that we cannot doubt of the ſucceſs of the application which we have the honour of making to you, in the name of the French nation, and of the King.

(Signed) " The Civil National Commiſſaries, delegated by the King to the French American Leeward Iſlands,

(And under) " De MIRBECK, ROUME.

" LEBORGUE, *Sec. Ad. de la Commiſſion Nationale Civile.*"

EXTRACT from the REGISTER of the COLONIAL ASSEMBLY of the French part of ST. DOMINGO, 10th February, 1792.

" On the motion of a Member,

" RESOLVED, That the Provincial Aſſembly of the weſt ſhall be directed immediately to put in a ſtate of arreſt the Sieur Colmain, Captain of the ſhip Emanuel, and to order him to be conducted to the Cape under a ſafe-guard, by order of the Colonial Aſſembly, to give an account of his conduct.

" Reſolved alſo, That the Provincial Aſſembly of the weſt ſhall lay an embargo on the ſhip Emanuel, of Nantz, until ſuch time as it is otherwiſe ordered by the Colonial Aſſembly.

" Reſolved alſo, That the Provincial Aſſembly do forward, with all poſſible expedition, every document that may ſerve to throw light on the expedition of Captain Colmain.

" Done and reſolved in the ſitting of the day above-mentioned.

(Signed) " D'AUGY, *Preſident*—CHAUDRUC, *Vice-Preſident*—" LE LOUP DEPERRELLES—JOS. DUBOURG—ALAIN, *and* DENARD, *Secretaries.*

(Counterſigned) " DELAVAL, *Preſident*—LE GRAND, *Vice-Preſident.*—" ALAIN, *Sec.*—GERBIER, *Sec*—DENARD, *Sec.*

" PORTERIN, *G. des Archives.*"

EXTRACT from the Regiſter of the COLONIAL ASSEMBLY of the French part of ST. DOMINGO, 14th February, 1792.

" A letter from the Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica, to the Lieutenant-General in the Government, was read.

" The following is the diſcuſſion on ſaid letter:

" The Aſſembly having conſidered, that the tranſportation of a number of ſlaves, from St. Domingo (which had taken place) into the Britiſh dominions, might appear unto that nation a violation on her territories:

" That it is highly becoming the colony, both in honour and loyalty, to undeceive on that ſubject, neighbours from whom they have had the ſtrongeſt marks of generoſity; and that they cannot too ſoon fulfil that duty:

" They therefore declare to the General Aſſembly of Jamaica, to the Governor, and to all the inhabitants of that iſland, that the Colonial Aſſembly of St. Domingo, nor any legal authority, had any part in the embarkation of the ſlaves at Port-au-Prince, nor in the diſembarking them in the Britiſh territories: And they declare, that they have already taken, and will continue to take, the neceſſary meaſures to diſcover and puniſh the authors of this tranſaction; and that they will take ſuch precautions as will prevent a repetition of any thing of the kind in future. They further declare, that they will hold towards their neighbours of Jamaica, in all their proceedings, that mode of conduct which ought to ſubſiſt between neighbours united by affection and mutual intereſt; and that they will neglect no occaſion to give proofs of the truth of theſe ſentiments, and maintain that harmony ſo neceſſary between the coloniſts of both iſlands.

" The Lieutenant-General in the Government, and the National Civil Commiſſaries, are requeſted to write to the General Aſſembly of Jamaica, to give them theſe our aſſurances. The Preſident is likewiſe directed to write to them to the ſame purpoſe, and to expedite theſe reſolutions.

" Done and reſolved on the day, month, and year above-mentioned.

" DELAVAL, *Preſident*—LE GRAND, *Vice-Preſident*—
" DUMAS—ALAIN—GERBIER, *Secretaries.*"

EXTRACT from the REGISTER of the COLONIAL ASSEMBLY of the French part of St. DOMINGO.—From the proceedings of the 10th February, 1792, the following is extracted:

" THE Captains Affleck and Lee were announced to the Aſſembly; the firſt commanding the Blonde Frigate, and the ſecond the Serpent ſloop of war, both ſhips belonging to his Britannic Majeſty, which arrived laſt night in the road of the Cape: Two Commiſſaries from the Aſſembly introduced them to the Aſſembly, amidſt the applauſes excited by the remembrance of the noble concern ſhewn to the ſufferings of the unfortunate inhabitants of this colony, by a generous people, whoſe friendſhip ſhould ever be cheriſhed by the French nation.

" They preſented to the Aſſembly two letters from the Commiſſaries ſent from the Aſſembly to the Government and General Aſſembly of Jamaica; one of the letters dated the 27th January, announced the arrival of Monſ. Lemoine, one of theſe Commiſſaries; the other, of the ſame date, announced, that by ſome defect in point of form in the powers given to Monſ. Lemoine for Jamaica, and of thoſe given to the two Commiſſaries for the Havanna, eſpecially the omiſſion of letters of credit from the Governor to the Government of Jamaica, and the Havanna, the want of which might delay their future negociations.

negociations. He adds ſome remarks concerning the negroes returned by the Engliſh government to the Cape, which the inhabitants of Port-au-Prince intended to have been landed on the main. After reading theſe letters, the Preſident addreſſed the Engliſh officers in the following diſcourſe;

" GENTLEMEN,

" The Colonial Aſſembly of the French part of St. Domingo fulfils the moſt pleaſing part of their duty in thanking you, in the name of all the inhabitants of this unhappy country, for that ſenſibility with which the General Aſſembly and the government of Jamaica have felt our misfortunes. They ſtill continue, Gentlemen, and will prove an obſtacle to the deſire we have to receive and treat you in the manner which ſuch neighbours are worthy of. The recommendations that we have received on this ſubject from our Commiſſaries in your iſland, are ſuperfluous: But you know the melancholy ſituation into which the revolt of our ſlaves has plunged us. Our hearts are filled with gratitude; and we beg leave to offer you our aſſurances, that every thing in our power ſhall be done that can teſtify our higheſt gratitude. As to the revolted negroes which you have brought hither, the Colonial Aſſembly aſſure you, and certify, that they have in no reſpect co-operated in that tranſaction; nor have any public body, or any one inveſted with public authority, been concerned in it: It was done by vagabonds who wiſhed to rid themſelves of the inſtruments which they employed to create confuſion and inſpire terror: And it is probable, that the perſon charged with the exportation of thoſe armed negroes, was guilty of perfidy, at leaſt of negligence, in the execution of his orders; as it was underſtood, that Moſqueto-Bay was the place where theſe malefactors were to have been landed and abandoned to their unhappy deſtiny."

" Meſſieurs Affleck and Lee replied by their interpreter. Their diſcourſe ſhewed in lively colours the emotions which were inſpired by the ſufferings of St. Domingo. They added, that they were charged by Admiral Affleck and his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica, to aſſure them how much they lamented the misfortunes that deſolated this miſerable country, and that their apprehenſions on our account could only be diſſipated by the arrival of thoſe ſuccours which we expected from the French nation.

" Theſe new marks of the ſenſibility of the commanders of the Engliſh colony of Jamaica, exceed the higheſt applauſes. Every citizen is anxious to give the Engliſh nation, in the perſons of Captains Affleck and Lee, the ſincereſt and moſt affecting proofs of the gratitude by which they are actuated.

" DELAVAL, *Preſident*—LE GRAND, *Vice-Preſident*—
" ALAIN, *Secretary*."

EXTRACT from the REGISTER of the COLONIAL ASSEMBLY of the French part of ST. DOMINGO, February 13th, 1792.

" THE diſcuſſion on the order of the day was interrupted by the return of the Commiſſaries ſent to the Lieutenant-Governor; who informed the Aſſembly, that in the letter from the Engliſh Government, which he had communicated to them, mention was made of a part of the expences attending the bringing the revolted ſlaves to this iſland; upon which,

" Reſolved unanimouſly, That theſe expences, as well as all others that might have been incurred, ſhould be refunded by the colony: And this aſſurance ſhould directly be given by the Preſident, as well to the Governor as to the General Aſſembly of Jamaica.

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" The Preſident was requeſted to wait on the Lieutenant-Governor, in order to communicate this reſolution to him, to have his approbation, and to requeſt him to notify it afterwards to the Colonial Commiſſary, holding the office of Intendant, to get it executed by him.

" Done and reſolved in the ſitting of the day and year above-mentioned.

(Signed) " DELAVAL, *Preſident*—LE GRAND, *Vice-Preſident*.—
" ALAIN—DENARD—GERBIER, *and* DUMAS, *Secretaries*.

(Underneath is written) " I approve, the 14th February,
" (Signed) BLANCHELANDE.
" DELAVAL, *Preſident*—LE GRAND, *Vice-Preſident*.—
" ALAIN, *Secretary*—PORTERIN, *G. des Archives*."

EXTRACT from the REGISTER of the COLONIAL ASSEMBLY of the French part of St. DOMINGO.—From the ſeſſion of the 14th of February, 1792, is extracted what follows:

" A MEMBER moved to requeſt of Jamaica, ſuch ſuccours of every kind as the colony ſtood in need of:

" Upon which, the matter was taken into conſideration.

" The Aſſembly having conſidered how much they have already experienced the generoſity of the Engliſh nation, have cauſe to expect every ſuccour poſſible for them to afford.

" Reſolved, That the Governor-General be requeſted to write to the Governor of that iſland, to requeſt every ſuccour poſſible for them to afford to the colony of St. Domingo, in flour, beef, and rum; and to concert meaſures with the Adminiſtrator of finances, as well with regard to the conveying the ſuccours to be received to St. Domingo, in a way the moſt certain and expeditious, as with regard to the price and mode of payment, and to give every ſecurity neceſſary for that purpoſe.

" Reſolved beſides, That the Civil National Commiſſaries be requeſted to write to the Governor of that iſland, to enforce this application.

" Reſolved, alſo, That the Preſident do in the ſame manner write to the Governor of Jamaica, to engage him, in the name of the Colonial Aſſembly, to patronize this application: And that the Committee of Correſpondence do write to the Commiſſaries of the Aſſembly of this iſland, to give them notice of this meaſure, and charge them to uſe all their powers to give it effect.

" Done in the ſitting of the Aſſembly, of the day, month, and year abovementioned.

(Signed) " DELAVAL, *Preſident*—LE GRAND, *Vice-Preſident*.
" ALAIN—DENARD—GERBIER, *and* DUMAS, *Secretaries*.

(Copy) " LEBORGUE, *Sec. Ad. de la Commiſſion Nationale*."

EXTRACT

EXTRACT *of the* RESOLUTIONS *of the* COLONIAL ASSEMBLY *of* ST. DOMINGO, *February* 14, 1792.

From the COLONIAL ASSEMBEY of the French Part of ST. DOMINGO, to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of JAMAICA.

" *Mr.* SPEAKER *and* GENTLEMEN,

" THE Colonial Aſſembly do not conceive it neceſſary to enter into an exculpation of themſelves, on account of the conduct of Captain Colmain; they have, however, tranſmitted to you a copy of their diſpatch, on that ſubject, to the Lieutenant-Governor of your iſland You are moſt earneſtly requeſted to take into your moſt particular conſideration, the juſt horror with which they were ſeized, on hearing, that at Jamaica they were thought capable of throwing into the Engliſh dominions a troop of robbers, aſſaſſins, and incendiaries.

" Done at the Cape, in the ſitting of the Colonial Aſſembly of the 14th Feb 1792.

(Signed) " DELAVAL, *Preſident.*"

Ordered, That the ſeveral accounts of contingencies due his Majeſty's 1ſt and 10th regiments of foot, as alſo the letter from the receiver-general reſpecting the maroon parties ſent down with the above meſſage, be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, that they enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral letters and extracts from the Aſſembly of the French part of St Domingo, alſo ſent down with the above meſſage, be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland, on Monday next, and that the Houſe be called over on that day.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati, 25° Die Februarii, 1792.

THE Houſe met.

And then the Houſe was adjourned till Monday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Lunae, 27° Die Februarii, 1792.

PRAYERS. ACCORDING to order, the liſt being called over,

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe four letters he had received from Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Lewis, ſeverally requeſting leave of abſence.

Ordered, That they have leave of abſence accordingly.

Ordered, That Alexandre Lindo, of the pariſh of Kingſton, merchant, do attend the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

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Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported two reſolutions, which he read in his place and delivered in at the table; where the firſt reſolution being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows

" 1. That it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requeſting he would be pleaſed to aſſure the government of St. Domingo, that this Houſe never entertained the leaſt idea, that the introduction into his Majeſty's dominions of a body of the revolted negroes of that iſland, was with the knowledge or participation of the ſaid government; and that the aſſurances received on that head from the Colonial Aſſembly, in the diſpatches ſent down by his Honour, are perfectly ſatisfactory"

The ſecond reſolution being again read, is as follows:

" 2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the poll-tax bill, to authorize the receiver-general to iſſue certificates, counterſigned by three of the commiſſioners of accounts, bearing an intereſt of 6 per cent. to an amount not exceeding £ 10,000 ſterling. in payment of bills to be drawn by the government of St. Domingo on the treaſury of France; which bills are to be made payable to our agent on the Royal Exchange of London, free of all coſts and loſs."

And a motion being made that the Houſe do agree to the report,

The Houſe divided.

The noes went forth,

Ayes, 20.—Mr Cockburn, Mr Blake, Mr Vanheelen, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Barton, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Richards, Mr. Wallen, Mr Galbraith, Mr Fuller, Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr Vaughan, Mr. Shirley, Mr William Mitchell, Mr. Whitehorne, and Mr. Fitch.

Noes, 5.—Mr Rennalls, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Kemeys, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Batty.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then Mr Blake acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Ordered, That Alexandre Lindo be diſcharged from any further attendance on the ſaid committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards have leave of abſence for the next ſeſſion, in caſe he ſhould find it neceſſary to go to England for the recovery of his health.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Martis

Martis, 28° Die Februarii, 1792.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to aſſure the government of St Domingo, that this Houſe never entertained the leaſt idea, that the introduction into his Majeſty's dominions of a body of the revolted negroes of that iſland, was with the knowledge or participation of the ſaid government; and that the aſſurances received on that head from the Colonial Aſſembly, in the diſpatches ſent down by your Honour, are perfectly ſatisfactory."

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis and Mr. Tharp be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for diſpenſing with an act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds; and to indemnify the Reverend David Fullerton, rector of the pariſh of St. Ann, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Captain William Affleck, late of his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, to be removed from the churchyard, and interred within the walls of the church of the ſaid pariſh.

Ordered, That Mr William Mitchell, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. Barrett, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to enquire, whether it might not be advantageous to the public, and agreeable to the commander in chief, to ſell the Government Pen and Mountain, and the negroes thereunto belonging, and to report their opinion thereon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr Fitch, Mr. Shirley, Mr Cockburn, Mr. Grant, Mr. Bourke, and Mr. Wallen, be a committee for that purpoſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records; and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

A petition of William Hay Davis, of the pariſh of Weſtmorland, Eſquire, and Mary his wife; the Honourable John Cope the elder, of the ſame pariſh, Eſquire, and John Cope the younger, of the ſame place, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth,

"THAT the petitioner, William Hay Davis, being, at the time of his marriage with his ſaid wife, then Mary Foſter, ſpinſter, ſeized and poſſeſſed of a certain piece or parcel of

of land, meſſuage, and premiſes, and certain ſlaves, did, by a certain deed of ſettlement duly executed, grant and convey the ſame unto the ſaid John Cope the elder, and John Cope the younger, in truſt to and for the ſeveral uſes in ſuch deed ſpecified.

" That the petitioners have come to an agreement to ſell the ſaid lands, meſſuage, and premiſes, to the juſtices and veſtry of the ſaid pariſh, for a barrack.

" That by the rules of law the ſaid ſale cannot take place without the intervention of the Houſe; the ſaid lands, meſſuage, and premiſes, being ſo ſettled in truſt as aforeſaid.

" That the petitioners could not have preſented to the Houſe their petition for that purpoſe, within the time limited by the Houſe for receiving private petitions, by reaſon of the Houſe having been adjourned previous to the concluſion of the petitioner's agreement for the ſale aforeſaid.

" That the petitioners conceive, as the ſaid lands, meſſuage, and premiſes are intended to be conveyed for a barrack as aforeſaid, that the buſineſs is of a public nature.

" And praying that the Houſe will be pleaſed to give leave now to preſent a petition, for the purpoſe of enabling the petitioners to ſell the ſaid land, meſſuage, and premiſes, the ſaid ſlaves ſtill remaining ſubject to the ſaid deed of ſettlement."

Ordered, That, in conſideration of the particular circumſtances, ſet forth in the ſaid petition, leave be given to preſent a petition, as deſired by the ſaid William Hay Davis, and Mary his wife, John Cope the elder, and John Cope the younger.

Then the petition of the ſaid William Hay Davis, Eſq and Mary his wife, the Hon. John Cope the elder, Eſq and John Cope the younger, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth,

" THAT, by indenture bearing date the 18th day of January, 1791, and made between the petitioner, William Hay Davis, of the firſt part, Mary Foſter, now the petitioner Mary Davis, of the ſecond part, and the ſaid John Cope the elder, and John Cope the younger, of the third part; after reciting that a marriage was intended to be had between the petitioner, William Hay Davis, and his ſaid wife, then Mary Foſter, whereby the petitioner, William Hay Davis, would become entitled to receive on the day of marriage the ſum of £. 2,500 ſterling money of Great Britain as the marriage portion of the ſaid Mary Foſter; in conſideration thereof, a certain piece of land, ſituate, lying, and being in the Savanna near Savanna-la-Mar, in the ſaid pariſh of Weſtmorland, containing 18 acres, with the meſſuage, tenement or dwelling houſe, and all other houſes, out houſes, edifices, erections, and buildings, thereon erected and built; and alſo, another piece of land, ſituate in the ſaid Savanna near Savanna-la-Mar, in the ſaid pariſh of Weſtmorland, and containing nine acres or thereabouts; and alſo, certain ſlaves, (whoſe names were ſet down in a ſchedule to the ſaid indenture annexed) with their future iſſue, offſpring, and increaſe, were conveyed and aſſured unto the petitioners, John Cope the elder, and John Cope the younger, their heirs and aſſigns, (ſubject, as to the ſaid meſſuage, lands, and appurtenances, to a certain indenture of mortgage from the petitioner, William Hay Davis, to Margaret Stone of the ſaid pariſh of Weſtmorland, widow) in truſt for the uſe and behoof of the petitioner, William Hay Davis, during life; and from and after his deceaſe, then to the uſe and behoof of the petitioner, Mary Davis, then Mary Foſter, in lieu and bar of Dower; and from and after her deceaſe, or other

the ſooner determination of that eſtate, in truſt for the uſe and behoof of the firſt ſon of the petitioner, William Hay Davis, on the body of the ſaid Mary Foſter his then intended wife, to be begotten, and of the heirs of the body of ſuch firſt ſon lawfully iſſuing; and for default of ſuch iſſue, then to the uſe and behoof of the ſecond, third, fourth, fifth, ſixth, ſeventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and of all and every other the ſon and ſons of the petitioner, William Hay Davis, on the body of the petitioner, Mary Davis, then Mary Foſter, to be begotten, and of the ſeveral and reſpective heirs of the body and bodies of ſuch ſon and ſons lawfully iſſuing; and in failure of ſuch iſſue, to the uſe and behoof of all and every the daughter and daughters of the petitioner, William Hay Davis, on the body of the petitioner, Mary Davis, then Mary Foſter, to be begotten, to be equally divided between them, (if more than one) ſhare and ſhare alike, as tenants in common and not as joint tenants, and of the ſeveral and reſpective heirs of the body and bodies of all and every ſuch daughter and daughters lawfully iſſuing; and for default of ſuch iſſue, then to the petitioner, Mary Davis, in fee.

" That the value of the landed property, ſo ſettled upon the ſaid Mary Davis and ſuch children as ſhe may have, is very trifling, the ſame containing only 27 acres of ſavanna land, whereon there is a large and extenſive building which hath been erected many years, and which, inſtead of increaſing in value, muſt naturally decreaſe, unleſs kept up at a heavy expence.

" That the juſtices and veſtry of the ſaid pariſh of Weſtmorland, have offered and are deſirous of purchaſing the ſaid meſſuage and premiſes, at the price or ſum of £. 2000 current money of Jamaica, as a barrack for ſuch detachment of ſoldiers as it may be neceſſary to ſtation in the ſaid pariſh for the protection thereof.

" That by the rules of law the ſaid ſale cannot take place without the intervention of the Houſe.

" And praying that the Houſe will be pleaſed to give leave to bring in a bill enabling the petitioners, John Cope the elder, and John Cope the younger, to convey the ſaid dwelling houſe and lands to the juſtices and veſtry aforeſaid, and with the purchaſe money ariſing therefrom, to purchaſe other property to the amount of £. 20 0 current money aforeſaid, to be ſettled to the ſame uſes as in the ſaid herein before mentioned indenture limited"

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Blake, and Mr Tharp, be a Committee to enquire into the allegations therein ſet forth, and report their opinion thereon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Cuſtos of the town and pariſh of Kingſton do, on or before Tueſday the 6th day of March next, make a return to this Houſe, of all the free mulattoes, and free negroes, who have arrived in the ſaid town and pariſh, ſince the 10th day of December laſt; and alſo, of the names of all the free mulattoes and negroes, from St. Domingo, who are now reſident in the ſaid town and pariſh; together with the names of the ſureties found by every ſuch perſon, agreeably to his Majeſty's proclamation of the ſaid 10th day of December laſt.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, " An act, to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes

purpoſes;" and alſo, to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts, which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr Tharp took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Tharp, from the Committee, reported, That they had gone through a further part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then Mr. Tharp acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe, for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 29° Die Februarii, 1792.

PRAYERS THE bill to put the fort at Montego-Bay on the public eſtabliſhment, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, " An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this

this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the Reverend David Fullerton, the preſent rector of the pariſh of St. Ann, or the rector of the ſaid pariſh for the time being, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Captain William Affleck, late of his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, to be removed from the church-yard and interred within the walls of the church of the ſaid pariſh; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow.

Mr Blake, from the committee to whom the petition of William Hay Davis, of the pariſh of Weſtmorland, Eſquire, and Mary his wife, the Honourable John Cope the elder, Eſquire, and John Cope the younger, Gentleman, was referred, reported, that the committee had enquired into the allegations therein ſet forth, and do find they are true; and are of opinion that a committee ſhould be appointed to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr Lewis, Mr Blake, and Mr. Tharp, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to prevent the embezzlement of his Majeſty's naval ſtores;

Ordered, That Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr Barrett, and Mr Wallen, be a committee for that purpoſe.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

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Mr. Tharp, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through a further part of the bill, and made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then Mr. Tharp acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his ſecretary, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM directed by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe a memorial of Mr. Shackleford the iſland ſtore-keeper; from the number of iſland ſtores at Fort-Auguſta it appears neceſſary, that ſome perſon ſhould be charged with them;—alſo, a letter from Captain Thomſon of the Royal Artillery, which his Honour, as well as the board of forts and fortifications, think very reaſonable, and if it meets the pleaſure of the Houſe, are of opinion that £. 100 ſterling would be a proper compenſation for Captain Thomſon's extra duty;—alſo, ſeveral other accounts and diſburſements, chiefly ariſing from martial law, as per the annexed liſt:—The whole of which he ſubmits to the conſideration of the Houſe."

To his Honour ADAM WILLIAMSON, Eſquire, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR and COMMANDER IN CHIEF in and over this his Majeſty's Iſland of JAMAICA, &c. &c.

The MEMORIAL *of* JOHN EDWARD SHACKLEFORD, *Iſland Ordnance Store-Keeper.*

" *SHEWETH,*

" THAT in the latter end of the year 1789, ſundry laboratory ſtores were ſent out in the ſhip Withywood, Thomas Evers, maſter, by Stephen Fuller, Eſquire, the agent, for the uſe of this iſland, which were ordered by his Honour the then Lieutenant-Governor to be landed and placed in the laboratory and ſtorehouſe at Fort-Auguſta.

" That on the late expectation of a war with Spain a large quantity of other laboratory ſtores were, by the order of his Excellency the late Governor, made up under the inſpection of your memorialiſt in this iſland, many of which are lodged in the ſaid repoſitories at Fort-Auguſta.

" That your memorialiſt has been for theſe two years paſt, and ſtill is, under the neceſſity of employing a white perſon as a watchman to take care of thoſe ſtores, the nature of the ſervice making it both dangerous and imprudent to truſt the charge thereof to negroes.

" That no proviſion hath hitherto been made by the public for ſuch watchman.

" Your memorialiſt, therefore, prays your Honour to take this matter into your ſerious conſideration, and to purſue ſuch ſteps therein, as to your Honour, in your great wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

" JOHN E SHACKLEFORD."

" *SIR,* *Port-Royal, February* 1792.

" WHEN hoſtilities with Spain were apprehended in 1790, and preparations were made for putting the iſland in a ſtate of defence, the late Governor directed Colonel Martin to inſpect and report the ſtate of every thing within his department: On inſpection, things were found in ſuch extremely bad condition, that it was the operation of five months, from September to January 1791, before the artillery could be pronounced to

be in a ſerviceable ſtate: The ſituation of the elaboratory at Fort-Auguſta, and the diſperſed ſtate of the ſtores at Spaniſh-Town, Up-Park, &c. induced a neceſſity of much attendance of ſome officer: Colonel Martin gave every ſuperintendance, and beſtowed all the attention, his rank could poſſibly admit;—but it is, perhaps, almoſt needleſs to mention, that ſuch an extenſive field required, in the detail, the labour and exertion of ſome inferior officer: This taſk fell to my lot, and I performed it with all the zeal and ability I was maſter of, without ſoliciting any appointment, as has ever been uſual on ſimilar occaſions. The only expence incurred on this head was £.3 currency for kittereen hire.

"This circumſtance was mentioned by a friend to Lord Effingham. His Excellency admitted the propriety of ſome conſideration for the extra duty performed by me, and was pleaſed to ſay, that he would ſubmit it to the Honourable the Commiſſioners of forts and fortifications. Illneſs and various circumſtances prevented this from taking place.

"I deemed it but juſtice to myſelf and every officer, who may in future be placed in a ſimilar predicament, to take the liberty of ſtating the caſe to your Honour, in the confidence that your Honour is of the opinion, that thoſe who voluntarily exert themſelves, without making pecuniary objects the ſpring of their actions, are not the leſs entitled to be conſidered for their ſervices.

"I entreat your Honour to pardon this liberty, and to be aſſured, that I ſhall ever be ambitious to merit your favour.

"I am, Sir,

His Honour, "Your very humble ſervant,

The Commander in Chief, &c. &c. "H. T. THOMSON."

JOHN E. SHACKLEFORD, Eſquire, Iſland Store-Keeper,

To WILLIAM BRYAN, *Dr.*

1791.		
Nov.	To hire of boats bringing 34 cheſts arms, &c. from Kingſton, and delivering on board the ſhips - -	£.5
	To hire of ditto from Fort-Auguſta to ditto - -	1
	To ditto ſhallop carrying arms to Withywood - -	10
	To ditto ſloop ditto to Port-Morant - - -	15
	To two wherries, employed ſhipping ammunition on board the ſloop from Salt-Pans and Fort-Auguſta - -	2
	To one wherry, bringing powder to Fort-Charles for making cartridges	1
		£.34

I DO certify, that the above work was done and performed by Mr. William Bryan, his ſervants, ſlaves, and boats, for the public ſervice, according to agreement made by me with him for that purpoſe.

JOHN E. SHACKLEFORD, *Iſl. Ord. Store-keeper.*

JOHN

Port-Royal.

JOHN E. SHACKLEFORD, Eſquire, Iſland Store-Keeper,

To WILLIAM BRYAN, *Dr.*

1789. Dec.	To wharfage 12 cheſts arms, at 5*s.*		£. 3	
	To ditto 10 cheſts ammunition, at 2/6		1	5
	To ditto 4½ barrels gunpowder, at 10*s.*		2	10
	To ditto 10 caſes muſkets, P. R. at 5*s.*		2	10
	To ditto 5 ditto ſhot ditto, at 2/6			12 6
			£. 9	17 6

PERSONALLY appeared before me, William Bryan, and made oath that the above account is juſt and true.

W. BRYAN.

Sworn before me this 22d day of February, 1792. } R. WETHERELL.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To JOHN MORRISON, *Dr.*

1791 Nov. 26.	To wharfage 20 cheſts of arms, at 5*s.* 14 kegs balls, at 1/3		£. 5	17 6
	To 3 new kegs and cooperage, ſtarting the contents of three of the above kegs, which were in bad order, into the three new kegs, at 2/6 each			7 6
	To freight on board his Majeſty's ſhip Diana, 20 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* 14 kegs balls, at 7½d		5	8 9
27.	To freight and wharfage on board the above ſhip, two field-pieces with all their apparatus complete, being a waggon-load		5	
	To freight on board of his Majeſty's ſhip Hound, 12 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* eight caſes balls, at 1/3		3	10
28.	To ditto on board his Majeſty's ſhip Serpent, 24 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* 12 caſes balls, at 1/3		6	15
29.	To ditto on board his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, 17 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* 7 caſes balls, at 1/3		4	13 9
	To wharfage ſince 27th inſtant, 53 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* 27 caſes balls, at 1/3, being thoſe delivered on board of his Majeſty's ſhips Hound, Serpent, and Blonde		14	18 9
	To wharfage and freight on board his Majeſty's ſhip Serpent, two tierces drums, at 5*s.*			10
Dec. 5.	To wharfage and freight to Port-Royal, 10 cheſts arms, at 10*s.* and ſix caſes balls, at 2/6, being for that pariſh		5	15
8.	To wharfage 12 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* and 10 caſes balls, at 1/3, delivered Mr Bryan's ſloop for Vere		3	12 6
12.	To ditto 16 cheſts arms, at 5*s.* and 15 caſes balls, at 1/3, delivered Mr. Bryan's boat for St. Thomas in the Eaſt		4	18 9
	To wainage from Spaniſh-Town, and wharfage one tierce drums			7 6
	Carried over	£.		

Brought

		£.		
	Brought forward -			
	To hire of a wherry carrying a letter to Port-Royal, addreſſed to Mr. Bryan, by J. E. Shackleford, Eſquire - -		3	9
14.	To wharfage and freight on board the ſhip Catherine, Green, one cheſt arms, 10s. and five boxes balls, at 2/6 - -	1	2	6
15.	To wharfage 19 barrels gunpowder, at 10s. - -	9	10	
20.	To freight from Fort-Auguſta, two barrels ball cartridges -		6	8
	To wharfage ditto, at 10s each, and wainage to Spaniſh Town, at 3/4	1	6	8
	To wainage from Spaniſh-Town, two cheſts arms and two boxes balls	1		
23.	To freight from Fort-Auguſta, 30 barrels gunpowder, at 3/4	5		
	To wharfage of ditto, at 10s per barrel - -	15		
29.	To wainage from Spaniſh-Town, 20 boxes balls, at 1/3 -	1	5	
	To wharfage and freight of ditto to Fort-Charles, at 2/5 -	2	10	
	To wainage from Spaniſh Town, one barrel powder -		3	4
30.	To freight from Fort-Auguſta, 12 barrels gunpowder, at 3/4 per barrel	2		
	To wharfage of ditto, at 10s per barrel, and wainage to Spaniſh-Town, at 3/4 - - - -	8		
31.	To hire of a wherry bringing from Fort-Auguſta a barrel of ball cartridges 7/6, and wharfage of ditto 10s. - .		17	6
	To wharfage and freight on board his Majeſty's cutter Liberty, two cheſts arms, at 10s. 23 boxes balls, at 2/6, three ditto flints, at 2/6, 1 barrel gunpowder 13/4, and freight 1 barrel ball cartridges 3/4	5	1	8
	To wharfage and freight on board his Majeſty's ſhip Diana, four			
1702.	caſes of balls, at 2/6 - - -		10	
Jan. 10.	To freight from Fort-Charles to Port-Henderſon 10 barrels ball cartridges, containing 2 M. each, at 3/4 - -	1	13	4
	10 boxes of ditto 1 M. each, at 1/8 - - -		16	8
	To wharfage of the above 10 barrels, at 10s. each, and the 10 boxes, at 5s. each - - - - -	7	10	
	To wainage of ditto to Spaniſh-Town, at 3/4 per barrel, and 1/8 per box	2	10	
	To carriage from Fort-Charles to Spaniſh-Town four tanned hides		6	8
11.	To ditto from Spaniſh-Town to Fort-Charles four ditto -		6	8
	To freight from Fort-Charles to Fort-Auguſta, 16 barrels ball cartridges, containing 2 M each, at 3/4 - -		2 13	4
	1 barrel and 7 boxes ditto, containing 1 M. each, at 1/8 -		13	4
		£. 132	2	1

Jamaica ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me William M'Robbie, who made oath and ſaid, that he believes the above account to be juſt and the charges cuſtomary.

WILLIAM M'ROBBIE.

Sworn before me this 28th day of February, 1792. } ROBERT WOOD.

I DO certify that the above work was done for the public ſervice by Mr. John Moriſon, his ſevants, ſlaves, boats, and wains.

Given under my hand this 29th day of February 1792.

J. E. SHACKLEFORD, *Iſt. Ord. Store-Keeper.*

JOHN

JOHN EDWARD SHACKLEFORD, Eſquire,
For his Majeſty's Government of Jamaica,
To WILLIAM CUNINGHAME, *Dr.*

1791.		£.		
Nov.	To 11 pounds ſewing twine, at 3/9	2	1	3
Dec. 9.	To 26 reams cartridge paper, at 22/6	29	5	
10.	To 72 pounds fine ſeaming twine, at 3/9	13	10	
14.	To 1 dozen laboratory ſciſſars	1	12	6
15.	To 100 2-inch wood-ſcrews		10	
17.	To 4 ſheep-ſkins, and 6lb. tallow	1	6	8
	To 200 tacks, 1/3, 1 hammer, 3/4		4	7
	To 1 groce ſcrews 11/3, 1lb twine 3/9, 6 ſkins 30*s.*	2	5	
31.	To 1 piece flannel 47 yards, at 3/9	8	16	3
	To 2lb thread 10*s.* 100 needles, 3/9		13	9
	To 17lb nails 17*s.* 200 brads, 1/3		18	3
	To 2 ſkeins twine 2/6, tacks 7½*d.*		3	1½
	To 1 cut rope		7	6
		£. 61	13	10½

Jamaica ſſ.

I DO ſwear, that the articles ſpecified in the above account, amounting to £. 61 : 13 : 10½, were delivered, for the uſe of his Majeſty's Government of Jamaica, by order of J. E. Shackleford, Eſquire, and that the prices therein charged are uſual and cuſtomary, to the beſt of my knowledge and belief.

R. FERGUSSON.

Sworn before me this 27th day of February, 1792. } R. DONALDSON.

JOHN EDWARD SHACKLEFORD, Eſquire,
For his Majeſty's Government of Jamaica,
To CUNINGHAME and FERGUSSON, *Dr.*

1792.		£.		
Jan. 7.	To 4 ſtrong padlocks, at 3/9	0	15	0
	To 3½ pounds allum, at 2/6	0	8	9
	To 2 pair ſtrong ſciſſars, at 2/6	0	5	0
	To 2 ſtrong knives at 1/8	0	3	4
	To 500 pump nails	0	2	6
	To 2 claw hammers, at 3/9	0	7	6
	To 1 pair large pincers	0	3	9
		£ 2	5	10

Jamaica, ſſ.

I DO ſwear, that the articles ſpecified in the above account (amounting to two pounds five ſhillings and ten pence) were delivered, for the uſe of his Majeſty's Go-

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vernment of Jamaica, by order of J E. Shackleford, Esq. and that the prices therein charged are the usual and customary ones, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN BERRY.

Sworn this 27th of February, 1792, before me, } ROB. DONALDSON.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To JAMES JONES, *Dr.*

1791	To the hire of two waggons, for carrying arms and cannon to Kingston, at 5*l.* 7*s.* 6*d* each, including toll	£.	10	15 0
	To the hire of a ditto, for carrying gun carriages to Port-Henderson, to be sent to Hanover		5	0 0
	To the hire of a ditto, for carrying arms, for the eastern division of horse, including toll		5	7 6
	To the hire of two waggons, with arms, for St. Thomas in the East, and ball, for different parishes		10	0 0
	To the hire of a waggon, for removing stores in Spanish Town		5	0 0
	To the hire of a waggon to Port-Henderson, with gunpowder for Colonel Martin, of the Royal Artillery, for the purpose of making ball cartridges		5	0 0
	To the hire of a ditto, to convey gunpowder, from Fort-Augusta to Spanish Town		5	0 0
	To the hire of a waggon, for carrying arms for the St. Andrew's Militia, and toll		5	7 6
		£	51	10 0

I DO certify, that the above work was done and performed, for the public service, by James Jones, Esquire, his servants, cattle, and waggons.

JOHN E. SHACKLEFORD, *Isl. Ord. Store-Keeper.*

To the hire of a waggon to carry soldiers baggage to Old-Harbour, and toll £. 5 5 0

I certify, that a waggon was ordered to carry the baggage of the Clarendon party, and furnished as per above account.

WILL. WYBRANTS, *Capt. Commanding 62d Reg.*

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To J. E. SHACKLEFORD, Island Ordnance Store-Keeper, *Dr.*

1791 *October.*	To cash paid labourers for 6 days work, in removing stores from the old store-house in Spanish-Town, ordered to be pulled down, to the house of Mr Smart hired for that purpose, at 1*s* 1*c*½*d per diem*	£.	2	16 3
Dec. 17.	To cash paid for marking 114 arm-chests, 106 shot-boxes, 51 barrels powder, 32 barrels musket-ball cartridges, 4 boxes flints, and 2			

cases

	caſes drums, with the names of the reſpective pariſhes to which they were ſent, for the uſe of the militia - -		3	10
24.	To caſh paid labourers aſſiſting in the arſenal, in iſſuing arms and ammunition to the militia, packing the ſame in cheſts, and loading the waggons therewith - - -		2 15	10
	To caſh paid ditto aſſiſting in ranging and ſkidding the cannon brought from the Ferry-battery, and fort in Sixteen-Mile-Walk road, and for ſkids to put them on - -		1	
	To caſh paid ditto at Fort-Auguſta, aſſiſting in landing and ſtoring muſket-ball cartridges received from Lieutenant-Colonel Martin of the Royal Artillery at Port-Royal, and in iſſuing from the magazine there, and delivering at the wharf, 70 barrels of powder, and 42 barrels of muſket-ball cartridges for the uſe of the militia		4	
	To boat-hire on board the King's ſhips, with powder ſent in them for the militia in the out pariſhes - - -		15	
		£.	14	8 3

J. E. SHACKLEFORD.

RETURN of Non-commiſſioned Officers and Men employed in making Muſket Cartridges, Tubes, Portfires, &c. at Port-Royal, and airing Powder at Spaniſh-Town.

36	men employed 23 days, between the 7th December and 5th January, in making and packing 150,000 muſket cartridges, at 1/10½ *per diem.*	£.	77	12 6
4	non-commiſſioned officers, ditto ditto, at 3/4 ditto -		15	6 8
4	boats to tranſport three ton of muſket-ball and ſtores, from Kingſton to Port-Royal - - - - -		2	
1	carpenter employed twenty days, in making twenty ammunition boxes, to pack 1,000 cartridges each, at 1/10½ ditto -		1	17 6
1	blackſmith ditto 14 days, in repairing copper hoops, portfire moulds, &c at 1/10½ ditto - - -		1	6 3
3	men employed 18 days, in making 18 dozen of portfires, and 2,000 tubes, at 1/10½ ditto - -		5	1 3
1	non-commiſſioned officer, ditto ditto, at 3/4 ditto -		3	0 0
5	boats to tranſport ſtores from the Laboratory at Fort-Auguſta to Port-Royal, for making up the cartridges, portfires, &c. and to tranſport the cartridges and ſtores back to the magazine, at Fort-Auguſta, and the portfires and tubes to Spaniſh-Town - -		2	10 0
6	men employed 12 days in airing and ſeparating 60 half barrels of damaged cartridges, landed from the Serpent ſloop of war, at 1/10½ *per diem*		6	15 0
1	non-commiſſioned officer, ditto ditto, at 3/4 ditto -		2	0 0
4	men employed 18 days, in airing and re-packing ammunition at Spaniſh-Town, between the 27th November and 18th December, at 1/10½ ditto		6	15 0
1	non-commiſſioned officer, ditto ditto, at 3/4 ditto -		3	0 0
2	boats to tranſport a party to and from Spaniſh-Town -		0	15 0
		£.	127	19 2

P. MARTIN, *Lt. Col. Royal Artillery.*

The

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

TO WILLIAM BRYAN, *Dr.*

1791.				
Dec 5.	To the hire of a boat and 5 negroes, to convey the arms for the uſe			
1792	of the Port-Royal militia, from Port-Henderſon to Port-Royal	£.		15
Jan. 9.	To hire of a boat and 5 negroes, for the uſe of Port-Royal regiment			
	of militia, from 10th Dec. to this day, is 30 days, at 15*s.*		22	10
		£.	23	5

PERSONALLY appeared before me, William Bryan, and made oath, that the above account is juſt and true. WILLIAM BRYAN.

Sworn before me this 22d day of February, 1792. } R. WETHERELL.

I DO hereby certify, that the boat and five negroes above mentioned, were actually ſupplied by Mr. William Bryan, for the uſe of the Port-Royal regiment under my command. THOMAS DENNISS, *Colonel.*

JOHN E. SHACKLEFORD, Eſquire, Iſland Store-Keeper,

TO WILLIAM BRYAN, *Dr.*

1791.				
May 16.	To 2 crane ropes 107 lb. Fort Charles and Fort-Auguſta, at 1/3	£.	6 13	9
Dec.	To nails, &c. ſupplied Captain Thomſon, for barracks -		1 3	11½
1792				
Jan. 19	To 36 feet oak ſlab for laboratory mallets, at 5*d.* -		15	
	To 2lb glue, at 2/6 - - -		5	
23	To 13 pair ſide hinges for centry-boxes, at 3/4 -		2 3	4
	To 4lb nails, at 1/½ - - -		4	2
	To 73 feet lumber, 3*d.* - - - -		18	4
25	To 8lb. nails, at 1/½ - - -		8	4
Feb. 2	To 4lb ditto, 4/2—7*th*, 1lb ditto, 1/½ - - -		5	2½
		£.	12 17	1

PERSONALLY appeared before me, William Bryan, and made oath, that the above account is juſt and true. WILLIAM BRYAN.

Sworn before me this 22d day of February, 1792. } R. WETHERELL.

GOVERNMENT of JAMAICA,

TO ROBERT PITCAIRN, *Dr.*

1791.				
Decem.	To 134 arm-cheſts, as per agreement with John Edward Shackle-			
	ford, Eſquire, at 35*s.* - - -	£.	234	10
	To 152 ſhot-boxes, at 5*s.* - -		38	
		£.	272	10

I DO certify, that the above work was done by Mr. Robert Pitcairn, his ſevants, and ſlaves, for the public ſervice.

J. E. SHACKLEFORD, *Iſl. Ord. Store-Keeper.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the above meſſage, together with the memorial of the iſland ſtore-keeper, and the letter from Captain Thomſon to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Ordered, That the ſeveral accounts and diſburſements, alſo ſent down with the above meſſage, be referred to the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, to be examined.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe to-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 1° Die Martii, 1792.

PRAYERS. THE bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial-grounds;" and to indemnify the Reverend David Fullerton, the preſent rector of the pariſh of St. Ann, or the rector of the ſaid pariſh for the time being, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Captain William Affleck, late of his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, to be removed from the church yard, and interred within the walls of the church of the ſaid pariſh, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, 'An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;' and to indemnify the Reverend David Fullerton, the preſent rector of the pariſh of St. Ann, or the rector of the ſaid pariſh for the time being, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Captain William Affleck, late of his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, to be removed from the church yard, and interred within the walls of the church of the ſaid pariſh."

Ordered, That, in conſideration of the merits of the late Captain William Affleck, who died in the ſervice of this iſland, the receiver-general do pay the fees of the above-mentioned bill, the ſame being a private bill, and that this Houſe will make good the expence thereof.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to put the fort at Montego-Bay, in the pariſh of St. James, upon the iſland eſtabliſhment.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Vaughan took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Vaughan, from the committee, reported, That they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill with the amendments be engroſſed, and that the title be "An act to put the Fort at Montego-Bay, in the pariſh of St. James, upon the iſland eſtabliſhment."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported two reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the firſt reſolution being again read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows:

"1. That it be recommended to the Houſe to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in anſwer to his meſſage of the 22d day of February laſt, informing the Houſe of the arrival of his Majeſty's 49th regiment, and aſſuring his Honour, that this Houſe will make the uſual proviſion for the ſaid regiment."

The ſecond reſolution being again read, is as follows:

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the order of the treaſurer of the public hoſpital in Kingſton, the ſum of £. 500, towards defraying the expence of that inſtitution, the funds appropriated by law being inſufficient; and that the treaſurer of the ſaid hoſpital do account to this Houſe for the ſame."

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the Houſe.

Then

Then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid; and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Tharp took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr Tharp, from the committe, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, that the ſaid bill with the amendment be engroſſed, it was reſolved in the affirmative.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill, to regulate the ſales of negroes on their importation from Africa, and to prevent the ſeparation of different branches of one and the ſame family;

Ordered, That Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr. Barrett, Mr Scott of Lenox, Mr Cockburn, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. M'Lean, and Mr. Thompſon, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallen have leave of abſence till Tueſday next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris

Veneris, 2° Die Martii, 1792.

PRAYERS. ACCORDING to order, the liſt being called over, and it appearing that Mr. Batty had abſented himſelf;

Ordered, That he be excuſed on account of his indiſpoſition.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor;

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and, in anſwer to your meſſage of the 22d day of February laſt, informing the Houſe of the arrival of his Majeſty's 49th regiment, to aſſure your Honour, that the Houſe will make the uſual proviſion for the ſaid regiment."

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Grant be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The engroſſed bill to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the Reverend David Fullerton, the preſent rector of the pariſh of St. Ann, or the rector of the ſaid pariſh for the time being, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Captain William Affleck, late of his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, to be removed from the church-yard, and interred within the walls of the church of the ſaid pariſh, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

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The engroſſed bill to put the fort at Montego-Bay, in the pariſh of St. James, upon the iſland eſtabliſhment, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his ſecretary, as follows:

"*Mr. SPEAKER,*

"I AM directed by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the Houſe ſome further eſtimates and accounts, a liſt whereof is annexed."

ESTIMATE of Additions and further Repairs wanted at the Barracks in Kingſton, and Hoſpital at Port-Royal.

To taking down the magazine, building ſoldiers and officers cook-rooms in the place; building a large oven, hanging two iron boilers for cooking victuals; taking down the old cook-room and waſh houſe; building on arches, on the eaſt line of barrack-yard, a range of apartments for accommodation of the married people of a regiment; taking off roof of officers barrack, the whole of which wants new ſhingling, building a ſecond ſtory for accommodation of all the officers of a regiment, and putting the whole in thorough repair - -	£. 4200
To paving back-yard of hoſpital at Port-Royal; making a balcony, to protect the building from the weather, on the ſouth front, by the particular recommendation of the ſurgeon-general of his Majeſty's forces; taking up all the floors of baſement ſtory, making new floors to the level of new foundation; repairing ſtairs and walls of the old building -	556

Agreeable to the directions of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, I have eſtimated for the above additions and repairs. EDWARD WOOLLERY, *S. P. W.*

Thinking it an adviſeable plan always to have a regiment, or the greateſt part of one, in the barracks of Kingſton, the ſurveyor of the public works has, accordingly, given his eſtimate for the further accommodation of the troops, which I beg to lay before the Houſe for their conſideration. ADAM WILLIAMSON.

A well at the King's-Houſe much wanted, which to make complete, with removal of the dirt taken out in the digging, will coſt about £. 700.

EDWARD WOOLLERY, *S P. W.*

I directed Mr. Woollery to give in an eſtimate of a well, thinking it abſolutely neceſſary for the uſes of the houſe, as well as in caſe of fire. ADAM WILLIAMSON.

AMOUNT of ſundry Accounts for removal of Cannon and Ball from ſundry Redoubts to Spaniſh-Town, Fort-Auguſta, and Kingſton, by Order of the Honourable Board of Commiſſioners.

George Liele's account for removal of 45 cannon and 9 tons ſhot	£. 220
William Bryan, for removal of 62 cannon and a quantity of ſhot	123
Carried over	£. 343

Brought forward - -	£. 343		
George Clarke, for removing 26 cannon and a parcel of ſhot -	70		
Joſias Child, for removing 10 cannon - - -	50		
Crawle pen, for removing 9 cannon - - -	15		
John Reeves, for attendance and aſſiſting in the removal of the cannon	13	18	9
John Lamond, for labour and wharfage - -	14	13	5
Amount paid Major Barker for hire of ſoldiers, to get the cannon from the redoubts at Stoney-Hill into the road, as per receipt - -	57	10	
	£ 564	2	2

EDWARD WOOLLERY, Eſquire, for his Majeſty's Government,

To GEORGE LIELE, *Dr.*

1791.

Dec. 18. To the carriage of 4 cannons to the wharf at Harbour-Head and putting them in the boat, at 40*s.* - -	£. 8	
To the carriage of 14 cannons from the top of Caſtile-Fort to the wharf at Harbour-Head and putting them in the boat, at 3*l.* each	42	
To the carriage of 6 nine-pounders from the redoubt on Hope river to Harbour-Head at the wharf, at 4*l.* each - -	24	
To the carriage of 19 cannons from the foot of Stoney-Hill to the barracks of Kingſton, at 5*l.* each - -	95	
To the carriage of 2 cannons from beyond Hope river to Kingſton barracks, of 3 pounders each, at 3*l.* each - -	6	
To 3 loads of ſhot, from 24th January to the 27th ditto, at the rate of 5*l.* per load, from Stoney-Hill to the barracks -	15	
To 6 loads of ſhot, from 1ſt February to the 9th, at the rate of 5*l.* per load from Stoney-Hill to the barracks - -	30	
	£ 220	

EDWARD WOOLLERY, Eſquire,

To WILLIAM BRYAN, *Dr.*

1791.

For water-carriage, tranſporting 24 cannon and 1628 ſhot from the Harbour-Head, and landing at Fort-Auguſta, *viz.*

6 ſix-pounders, at 1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* each	£ 9	15
13 four ditto, at 1*l.* 5*s.* - -	16	5
5 three ditto, at 1*l.* each - -	5	
1220 ſix and four pound ſhot, wt. 3 tons, at 1*l.*	3	
408 32 and 24 pound ditto, 6 tons, at 1*l.*	6	
	40	

Tranſporting 38 cannon and 45 ſhot from Old-Harbour and Long's wharf, and landing as above, *viz.*

4 four-pounders, at 1*l.* 10*s.* - -	6	
18 nine ditto, at 2*l.* - -	36	
Carried forward -	£. 82	

Brought

Brought over	-	£. 82
16 twelve ditto, at 2*l* 10*s*.	- -	40
45 ſix, nine, and twelve pound ſhot	-	1
		£. 123

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To GEORGE CLARKE, *Dr.*

1791.
Dec. 31. To removing and carrying 26 pieces cannon from the different parts of the bay, Mrs Palmer's pen, and the Bullet-Tree line, together with a parcel of ſhot, to Mr. M'Donald's wharf at Old-Harbour, by order of Edward Woollery, Eſq. ſurveyor of public works - £. 70

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To JOSIAS CHILD, *Dr.*

1791
Nov. 30. To bringing 10 pieces ordnance from Spring Garden Hill to the wharf at Old-Harbour bay, at 5*l* a gun - - £. 50

EDWARD WOOLLERY, Eſquire, for Public Work done,

To ELLIS's Crawle, *Dr.*

1791
Dec. 22 To a waggon carrying great guns to Spaniſh-Town - £. 5
23. To a waggon carrying great guns and ſhot to Spaniſh-Town - 5
24. To a waggon carrying great guns and ſhot to Spaniſh-Town - 5
£. 15

EDWARD WOOLLERY, Eſquire,

To JOHN REEVES, *Dr.*

1791
To my attendance and expences, 3 days, going up to Caſtile Fort and ſundry redoubts, Stoney-Hill, &c. &c. - - £. 3 15
To caſh paid Mr. Auſtin, chaiſe hire, for ditto - - 4 15
To 2 new hoops to truck carriage - - 7 6
To 3 clouts to 2 axles - - - - 7 6
To 18 clout nails, and fixing ditto - - - 3 9
To 12 ſpikes - - - - - 10
To caſh paid Liele at ſundry times - - - 4
£. 13 18 9

Mr. JOHN REEVES,

To JOHN LAMOND, *Dr.*

1791
Dec. 6. For gathering and ſhipping on board the John ſhallop at Caſtile wharf, 1220 cannon-ſhot, 4 and 6 pounders, at 10*s*. per hundred £. 3 2

Carrried forward - £. 3 2

Brought

Brought over -		3	2
For bringing down from the new fort, and alſo ſhipping on ſaid ſhallop, 557 cannon ſhot, 24, 32, and 42 pounders, at the rate of 20s. per hundred - - -		5	11 5
For wharfage, ſhipping 24 carriage guns, 4, 6, and 9 pounders, at 5s. each - - - - -		6	
	£.	14	13 5

Stoney-Hill, 31ſt *December*, 1791.

RETURN of Working Parties of his Majeſty's 10th Regiment of Foot.

17 ſergeants, at 5s. per day -	£.	4	5
24 corporals, at 3/4 ditto - -		4	
279 privates, at 3/4 ditto - -		46	10
Charge by corporal Edward Ames, for making a machine for diſmounting the guns - - -		2	15
	£.	57	10

RECEIVED from Edward Woollery, Eſquire, the within mentioned ſum of £. 57 : 10, in full, for Major Barker, JOSEPH EWBANK.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To GEORGE YOUNG, *Dr.*

For REPAIRS to a Houſe in Spaniſh-Town, (lately Doctor Sympſon's) for the uſe of his Majeſty's 62d Regiment, by Order of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,

1792 *January.* To ripping off, clearing old ſhingles, new ſhingling 2 roofs thereon with beſt 22 inch cypreſs ſhingles, furniſhing the ſame with nails, (6½ inch courſe) containing 39 ſquares and 13 feet, and repairing the damaged lathing eave-boards, and rafter feet in ſeveral places, and materials for the ſame - -	£.	160		
To 6 pair of jealouſies and hanging them, 58 feet, at 3/6 per foot		10		
To 12 pair of butt hinges and ſcrews, at 3/4 per pair -		2		
To 6 ſpring gooſe-necked bolts, at 2/6 each - -			15	
To 28 feet of jealouſy for the front, at 3/6 per foot -		4	18	
To repairing the fixed jealouſies under the ſame - -			15	
To 130 feet of hand-railing, the upper rail ſtruck with a moulding, at 12*d.* per foot - - - -		6	10	
To taking up part of 2 room floors, and ſupplying 48 feet of hard wood, joiſting and nails for ditto - -		4	8	4½
To repairing the other floors, finding 47 feet of boards and 200 brads for ditto - - -		2	12	6
To making a pair of ſhutters for the back of the Houſe -		2	8	9
To repairing 9 ſhutters - - -		2	5	
To 3 double varniſhed bolts, at 7/6 each - -		1	2	6
	£.	197	15	1½

Brought

Brought over -	£. 197	15	1½
To 6 gooſe-necked bolts, at 3ſ each - -		18	
To 12 panes of glaſs, finding cement and putting in, at 7ſ6 each	4	10	
To repairing lines, pullies, and cleaning the ſaſhes of all the windows in the houſe, furniſhing lines and pullies -	2	10	
To repairing all the doors in the houſe and new hanging them	1	2	6
To 3 chamber-locks with 3 bolts each, and putting on, at 17ſ6 each	2	12	6
To a lock for the front door - - -		15	
To putting a guttering, 20 feet long, for the cook-room and waſh-houſe, grooved and pitched - - -	2	10	
To making good the ſhingling, finding 100 ſhingles and 500 nails	1	2	6
To repairing gates and doors of the out-offices, repairing the ſhingling of them, and finding all materials - -	4	5	
To 4 twice double-barred and ſcrew locks, at 12ſ6 each -	2	10	
To an iron rimmed lock, a padlock and haſp, for liquor ſtore	1	5	
To a dreſſer with framed ſtands in cook-room -		17	6
To 7 jugs of linſeed oil, at 40ſ. per jug - -	14		
To 3 kegs of white lead, 112lb. at 12d. per lb. -	5	12	
To 2 ditto of Spaniſh brown, 84lb at 12d per lb. -	4	4	
To turpentine, 4 quarts, at 5ſ per quart - -	1		
To 4lb green paint. at 11ſ3 per lb - -	2	5	
To finding all materials for colouring the walls of the houſe and out-offices - - - - -	5	6	8
To painter's labour for laying on the above materials all over ditto and ditto - - - - - -	7	2	6
To 3000 bricks for repairing the houſe and out-offices, at 3l. 10ſ. per thouſand - - - -	10	10	
To 14 hogſheads of lime for repairing of ditto and ditto, at 6ſ8 per Hhd - - - -	4	13	4
To maſon's labour for doing the above repairs, &c. -	7	13	4
To 27 bars for ſtoke-hole grates, and 3 rings, 140½ lb. at 1ſ. per lb	7		6
£	292	5	5½

The work charged in this account I have inſpected, and find the whole has been properly executed.

EDWARD WOOLLERY, *S. P. W.*

The Houſe having authorized me to take ſuch ſteps as I thought would be the means of relieving the inconveniencies in the barracks, the houſe (late Doctor Sympſon's) has been fitted up as a meſs-room for the officers of the 62d regiment, by which the old meſs-room has been converted into a barrack for the married people, and the whole of the regiment are now in the upper ſtory, except one room below, which has not been conſidered unhealthy.

ADAM WILLIAMSON.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM BAILEY, *Dr.*

1791
Dec. 31. To hire of 2 wherries and 10 negroes, attending his Majeſty's troops quartered at Fort-Auguſta, from 17th November laſt

to this date, both days inclusive, is 45 days, at 15*s.* each per day £. 67 10

I do certify that the above wherries and negroes have been employed as set forth in this account.

WILLIAM NAPIER, *Capt. Com. 13th Reg.*

Jamaica ss.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, and made oath, upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Joseph Armitage, and said, the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief:—So help me God.

Sworn before me, this 29th February, 1792. } JOS. ARMITAGE.

ALGER. WARREN.

Ordered, That the above message, together with the estimate of the surveyor of public works, be referred to the committee of the whole House, to enquire into, and take further into consideration, the state of the island.

Ordered, That the several accounts also sent down with the above message be referred to the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to be examined.

Ordered, That Mr. Barrett have leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Then the House adjourned till to morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the House, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati, 3° Die Martii, 1792.

THE House met,

And then the House was adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the House, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Martis

Martis, 6° Die Martii, 1792.

PRAYERS. MR Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that the clerk had received a letter from the cuſtos of the town and pariſh of Kingſton, in anſwer to the order of the Houſe, directing him to make a return of all free mulattoes and negroes who have arrived in the ſaid town ſince the 10th day of December laſt; and alſo of the names of all free mulattoes and negroes from St Domingo who are now reſident there, with the names of their ſureties, agreeably to his Majeſty's proclamation of the ſaid 10th December; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

The reſolution moved on the 1ſt inſtant "for paying to the order of the treaſurer of the public hoſpital in Kingſton, the ſum of £.500, towards defraying the expences of that inſtitution, the funds appropriated by law being inſufficient; and that the treaſurer of the ſaid hoſpital do account to this Houſe for the ſame:" having lain three days upon the table, agreeably to the rule of the Houſe, and being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr William Mitchell, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill for building a ſtone bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine; which being received, was read the firſt time

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time to-morrow

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland, to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen; and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Vanheelen took the chair of the committee.

Mr Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Vanheelen, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then Mr. Vanheelen acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 7° Die Martii, 1792.

PRAYERS. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Lean and Mr. Thompſon be a committee to carry the engroſſed bills of Friday laſt to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Vaughan have leave to petition the Council on the paſſage of the bill, entitled, "An act to put the fort at Montego-Bay, in the pariſh of St. James, upon the iſland eſtabliſhment"

The bill for building a ſtone bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, was read a ſecond time

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe to-morrow, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland, to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen; and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Redwood took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr.

Mr. Redwood, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through a further part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then Mr. Redwood acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid bill.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his ſecretary, as follows:

"*MR. SPEAKER,*

"I AM directed by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to lay before the Houſe a petition from the maroons of Trelawny town"

To his Honour ADAM WILLIAMSON, *Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majeſty's Iſland of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

The HUMBLE PETITION of Colonel Montague James, Captain John Jarrett, Captain Zachary Bayly, and Captain James Lawrence, Officers of the Maroons in Trelawny-Town, on behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the Maroons in the ſaid Town.

"*SHEWETH,*

"THAT the lands appertaining to the town were originally laid out for 1500 acres, and ſome time ſince reſurveyed by order of the Aſſembly, and found to contain that quantity.

"That great part thereof conſiſt of very high rocky mountains, totally unfit for cultivation.

"That the reſt have been under cultivation ever ſince the year 1739, and, being of a light texture, are at length become ſo exhauſted, as to be totally inſufficient and inadequate to the ſupport of the preſent number of the maroons, who, in the meantime, are greatly increaſed.

"That in conſequence thereof, treſpaſſes are made on the lands of adjoining proprietors, and a ſcene of great diſtreſs and confuſion muſt enſue, unleſs meaſures are taken to prevent it.

"Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honour to take the premiſes into conſideration, and to grant them relief, either by recommending their caſe to the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, or by ſuch other means as to your Honour ſhall ſeem meet.

"And your petitioners ſhall ever pray, &c.

"MONTAGUE JAMES, his ⋈ Mark.
"JOHN JARRETT, his ⋈ Mark.
"ZACHARY BAYLY, his ⋈ Mark.
"JAMES LAWRENCE, his ⋈ Mark.

" We certify, that we have read and approve the contents of this petition.

" JOHN JAMES, *Major Commandant of the Maroons.*
" J. MONTAGUE JAMES, *Superintendant of Trelawny Town.*"

Ordered, that the above meſſage, and petition therewith ſent, be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A meſſage from the Council, by their clerk, as follows:

Mr. SPEAKER,

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that they have appointed the Honourable Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Scott, or either of them, to be a committee to inſpect the minutes of the Houſe."

Ordered, That the ſaid committee have acceſs to the journals, as often as they think neceſſary.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe to-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Jovis, 8° Die Martii, 1792.

A MESSAGE from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, by the clerk of the Council, who brought down the writ of election for the pariſh of St Ann; which, with the provoſt-marſhal's return thereto, being read, it appeared, that William White, Eſquire, was returned a repreſentative for the ſaid pariſh, in the room of William Bolt, Eſquire, whoſe ſeat the Houſe had vacated;

And the ſaid William White, Eſquire, attending, took the uſual oaths, and his ſeat accordingly.

Mr.

Mr. Batty, from the committee appointed for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts, reported as follows:

" The committee have examined the ſeveral accounts ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, in his meſſages of the 29th of February and 2d of March, and find there is due to Edward Woollery, for the expence of removing cannon and ball, by order of the commiſſioners of forts and fortifications, the ſum of

£	564	2	2 ;—alſo, the following accounts to ſundry perſons; *viz.*
	19	6	3 For contingencies of the Royals to the 24th December laſt.
	147	11	10 Ditto of the 10th regiment, to the 26th ditto
	292	5	5 George Young's account of repairs to a houſe for a meſs-room for the 62d regiment, in conſequence of a meſſage of the 14th Dec. 1791
	67	10	William Bailey's account of wherry-hire
£.	1090	15	8

And alſo the following accounts of incidental expences for martial law:

£.	34		Wm Bryan's account for carrying arms and ammunition
	9	17	6 Ditto for wharfage of ditto
	132	2	1 John Morriſon, for wharfage of military ſtores
	61	13	10½ William Cuninghame, for cartridge materials
	2	5	10 Cuninghame and Fergusſon, for ſundries
	56	15	James Jones, for waggonage
	14	8	3 John Edward Shackleford, for ſundry expences
	127	19	2 Royal Artillery, for making cartridges, &c.
	36	2	1 William Bryan, for boat-hire and ſmall ſtores
	272	10	Robert Pitcairn, for arms-cheſts and ſhot-boxes
£.	747	13	9½
£	1838	9	5½

All which accounts, the committee are of opinion, ought to be paid."

Mr. Shirley, from the committee appointed to conduct the funerals of his late Excellency the Earl and Counteſs of Effingham, reported an account of the expences attending the ſame.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of the Expences of the Funerals of LORD and LADY EFFINGHAM.

To caſh paid for the funeral of Lady Effingham -	£.	4443	13
To ditto for the funeral of Lord Effingham -		3541	11
	£.	7985	4
By caſh from the receiver-general -	£.	200	
By ditto from ditto - - -		1200	
By ditto from ditto - - -		831	8 9
By an order in favour of Richard Goodman -		1132	9 2
By ditto in favour of Charles Forbes - -		1580	11 3
By ditto in favour of Robert Morgan - -		2697	14 10
By ditto in favour of Richard Parker - -		343	
	£.	7985	4

EXPENCES

EXPENCES attending the FUNERAL of the late COUNTESS of EFFINGHAM.

1791		£.	s.	d.
Novem.	To caſh paid John Matthews, per bill and receipt		10	10
	To ditto Edward Bowes, per ditto -	60	10	7½
	To ditto George Forreſt, per ditto -	8		
	To ditto James Claypole, per ditto -	14	5	
	To ditto Robert Bartlet, per ditto -	25		5
	To ditto Miſs Lake, per ditto - -	25	11	10½
	To ditto the grenadiers for carrying the coffin	34	2	6
	To ditto the Reverend Mr. Woodham, per receipt	39	7	6
	To ditto John Demetres, per ditto -	26	11	8
	To ditto Captain Incledon, per ditto (military expences)	56	16	8
	To ditto Charles Forbes, per ditto -	33	4	2
	To ditto David Dickſon, per ditto -	24	5	
	To ditto John Glover, per ditto - -	45	2	8½
	To ditto Peter Traill, per ditto - -	98	10	1¾
	To ditto Grace Meachem, per ditto -	25		5
	To ditto Jane Charlotte Beckford, per ditto	10	10	
	To ditto Henriques and Bravo, per ditto -		12	6
	To ditto Penelope Bonner Baird, per ditto -	2	10	
	To ditto Thomas Greenſword, per ditto -	2	15	
	To ditto James M'Lachlan, per ditto - -	3		
	To ditto Emanuel Mendes and David De Caſtro, per ditto	2	15	
	To ditto David Lyon, per ditto - -	9	14	2
	To ditto Edward Lewis, per ditto - -	2	16	3
	To ditto Thomas Wills, per ditto - -	5	5	
	To ditto Alexander Aikman, per ditto -	4	10	
	To ditto Iſaac Titford, per ditto - -	11	15	
	To ditto William Fry, per ditto - -	18	13	9
	To ditto Robert Pitcairne, per ditto -	146	15	
	To ditto Miles John and Thomas Williams, per ditto	78	16	1¾
	To ditto Miſs Lakes, per ditto - -	140		
	To ditto Captain Bartlet, per ditto - -	70		
	To ditto Mrs Robinſon, per ditto - -	7	6	8
	To ditto Charles Forbes, per ditto - -	58	8	9
	To ditto Richard Goodman, per ditto -	462	7	11
	To ditto Robert Morgan, per ditto -	2697	14	10
	To ditto Howell Powell, per ditto -	58	10	10
	To ditto John Baſſan, per ditto - -	2		
	To ditto M'Lachlan, and M'Niell, per ditto -	34		
	To ditto Joſeph Woolley, per ditto -	1	10	
	To ditto William Harvey, per ditto -	34	7	6
	To ditto Richard Parker - -	50		
		£. 4443	13	

EXPENCES

EXPENCES attending the FUNERAL of his late Excellency the EARL of EFFINGHAM.

1791.				
Nov. 22.	To caſh paid Robert Bartlett, for expences, &c.	£ 64	15	0
	To ditto band of the 13th regiment,	33	0	0
	To ditto trumpeters, attending troop	8	5	0
	To ditto paid for ſundry ſervants ſending vinegar, &c to Government Penn, horſe and ſervant to Kingſton, and boat-hire and expences to flag ſhip	6	1	3
	To ditto grenadiers, carrying the coffin	34	2	6
	To ditto mutes	6	13	4
	To ditto Edward Bowes, muſical performance, per receipt	81	16	5½
	To ditto William Fry, per ditto	11	0	0
	To ditto the Reverend Mr Woodham, per ditto	39	7	6
	To ditto John Demetres, per ditto	16	0	0
	To ditto Miſs Lakes, per ditto	18	10	0
	To ditto Alexander Aikman, per ditto	5	10	0
	To ditto David Dickſon, per ditto	35	13	4
	To ditto Robert Pitcairne, per ditto	208	10	0
	To ditto Edward Lewis, per ditto	2	8	4
	To ditto David Lyon, per ditto	9	2	6
	To ditto Jane Charlotte Beckford, per ditto	21	0	0
	To ditto Ann Roſe, per ditto	20	0	0
	To David De Caſtro, per ditto	2	15	0
	To ditto John Glover, per ditto	63	0	0
	To ditto Alexander Bonnyman, per ditto	62	7	1
	To ditto Allan Ramſay and Co. per ditto	20	0	0
	To ditto Miles John and Thomas Williams, per ditto	56	5	0
	To ditto Captain Incledon, per ditto	24	12	6
	To ditto Simon Adolphus, per ditto	26	15	0
	To ditto Iſaac Titford, per ditto	38	10	0
	To ditto Peter Traill, per ditto	75	0	0
	To ditto Miſs Lakes, per ditto	90	0	0
	To ditto Captain Bartlett, per ditto	100	0	0
	To ditto Charles Forbes, per ditto	1522	2	6
	To ditto Richard Goodman, per ditto	670	1	3
	To ditto John Baſſan, per ditto	67	10	0
	To ditto John Woodhall, per ditto	5	0	0
	To ditto Henriques and Bravo, per ditto	15	17	6
	To ditto Richard Parker, per ditto	70	0	0
	To ſo much allowed Rich. Parker, having overpaid Capt. Incledon	10	0	0
		£ 3541	11	0½

Ordered, That the above report and account be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a

ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Vanheelen took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Vanheelen, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for building a ſtone bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. William Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for building a ſtone bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine."

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Tharp took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Tharp, from the committee, reported, that the committee had gone through part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered

delivered in at the table; where ſeveral amendments, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then one other amendment was read,—

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, to agree to the report,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then ſeveral other amendments made to the ſaid bill, being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then Mr. Tharp acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid bill.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported nineteen reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

"1. THAT it be recommended to the Houſe, to ſend a meſſage to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him that the Houſe, having taken into their ſerious conſideration the meſſage of his Honour, of the 24th day of November laſt, doth not think it adviſeable, at this juncture, to adopt the propoſition of the memorial of the honourable William Henry Ricketts, Eſquire.

"2. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe, to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the Commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 2347 for repairing the ſeveral buildings at Stoney-Hill, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

"3. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the Commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 917, for the repair of the buildings at Fort Auguſta, agreeably to the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

"4. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the Commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and

public

public buildings, the ſum of £. 488, for repairing the buildings at Port-Royal, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 5. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the Commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 207, for the repairs of the buildings at the Apoſtles Battery, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 6. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the Commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 230, for the repair of the buildings at Spaniſh-Town barracks, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 7. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 1130, for repairing the public buildings, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt,

" 8. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings the ſum of £. 210, for making an additional ſtory to the iſland ſtore, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 9. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 120, for repairing the buildings at Kingſton barracks, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 10. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 975, for making ſundry repairs and additions to the barracks at Fort-Charlotte, at Lucea, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 3d day of December laſt.

" 11. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications and public buildings, the ſum of £. 15,000, (of which the ſeveral ſums of money, voted laſt year, for the repairs and uſe of the barracks in Spaniſh-Town, and ſtill remaining unpaid, ſhall be conſidered as part) for the purpoſe of purchaſing land, and erecting new barracks for the uſe of his Majeſty's troops, quartered at St. Jago de la Vega, as by his Honour's meſſage to the Houſe, of the 14th day of December laſt.

" 12. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, commanding the royal regiment of artillery, the ſum of £. 28 : 19 : 10½, for repairs done to the barrack, hoſpital,

hoſpital. &c. at Port-Royal, as by the account ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 14th day of December laſt.

" 13. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of James and David Aird, the ſum of 57*l.* 11*s.* for making and repairing cradles at the ſeveral barracks and hoſpitals at Kingſton, Up Park-Camp, and Port Royal, as by the accounts ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 14th day of December laſt.

" 14 That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of Captain Sir Richard Baſſet, the ſum of £. 38, for the purchaſe of a canoe for the uſe of the detachment of the 10th regiment quartered at Fort-Charlotte, at Lucea, as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage to the Houſe, of the 14th day of December laſt.

" 15. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of John Edward Shackleford, Eſq. Iſland-Store-keeper, for the hire of a white watchman, to take care of the laboratory and ſtore-houſe at Fort-Auguſta, at the rate of £ 30, per annum, from the time the ſaid watchman has been employed as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage to the Houſe, of the 29th day of February laſt.

" 16. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of Captain Thompſon, of his Majeſty's royal artillery, the ſum of £ 140, in full for his ſervices to the country in the year 1790, in attending at the ſeveral places where the ſtores and other materials, belonging to the ſaid regiment, were lodged, inſpecting and putting them in order, and reporting the ſame, as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage to the Houſe, of the 29th day of December laſt.

" 17. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 4200, for ſundry additions and repairs at the Kingſton barracks, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 2d day of March inſtant.

" 18. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the Commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £. 556, for ſundry additions and repairs at the hoſpital at Port-Royal, as by the eſtimate ſent down to the Houſe, by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 2d day of March inſtant.

" 19 That it be recommended to the Houſe, to appoint a committee to enquire into the allegations of the petition of the maroons, ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 7th inſtant; and that they do make a report thereof to the Houſe."

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Tharp, and Mr Vaughan, be a committee for that purpoſe, that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

Then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe, that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to enquire into the execution of the Deficiency Law, and the benefits that reſult therefrom towards the wiſhed-for object of increaſing the number of white people in this iſland, and to report the ſame to the Houſe early in the next ſeſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Vaughan, Mr Fitch, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr Murphy, Mr Thompſon, and Mr. Blake, be a committee for that purpoſe, that they have power to ſend for perſons, papers, and records, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

Mr. SPEAKER,

"I AM commanded by the Council to lay before the Houſe a copy of certain minutes of their Board of this day."

Ordered, That the call of the Houſe, for this day, be diſcharged, and that there be a call to-morrow, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Veneris 9° Die Martii, 1792.

PRAYERS. ACCORDING to order, the liſt being called over, it appeared that Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Shirley had abſented themſelves from their duty in the Houſe, without the leave thereof.

Ordered,

Ordered, That for the ſame they be ſeverally taken into the cuſtody of the Sergeant at arms, and that Mr. Speaker do iſſue his warrant or warrants accordingly.

Reſolved, *nemine contradicente*, That the meſſage of yeſterday from the Council is officious, indecent, aſſuming, and irregular, derogatory to the honour, and injurious to the privileges, of this Houſe, inſomuch that the Houſe would be juſtified in refuſing to tranſact any further buſineſs with the Board, until full ſatisfaction ſhould be obtained for ſuch a wanton and unprovoked attack, and unconſtitutional interference; but, being extremely unwilling, at this ſeaſon, to obſtruct the public buſineſs, and deſirous, above all things, of manifeſting a ſtrict adherence to thoſe engagements for which the faith of the country ſtands pledged to our Sovereign, we decline entering into any controverſy with the Board on a queſtion in which the Houſe alone is competent to determine, and will therefore ſend them no anſwer.

Ordered, That the above reſolution be printed in the Gazette of St Jago de la Vega, and the Royal Gazette, for five weeks, and in the Daily Advertiſer for one week.

Mr Speaker laid before the Houſe a letter he had received from Mr. Fullerton, requeſting leave of abſence for the remainder of the ſeſſion.

Ordered, That he have leave of abſence accordingly.

Mr. Tharp and Mr Shirley, attending at the bar, in cuſtody of the Sergeant at Arms, and being aſked by Mr Speaker, why they had abſented themſelves from their duty, without the leave of the Houſe, ſeverally made their excuſes.

And then they were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That Mr. Tharp and Mr. Shirley be diſcharged on paying their fees.

Ordered, That the following meſſages be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

(First Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to inform you that the Houſe, having taken into their ſerious conſideration your Honour's meſſage of the 24th day of November laſt, doth not think it adviſeable, at this juncture, to adopt the propoſition of the memorial of the honourable William Henry Ricketts, Eſquire."

(Second Message.)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to direct a return of the number of all the inhabitants of free condition to be laid before the Houſe early in the next ſeſſion; alſo a return of the ſtrength of the different regiments of horſe, and foot militia of this iſland; and alſo a return of the number of the maroon negroes reſiding in the ſeveral negro towns; ſetting forth particularly the number of men capable of bearing arms, of thoſe unfit for duty, and of the number of women and children.

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(THIRD MESSAGE)

"*MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

"WE are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to requeſt you will be pleaſed to order the captains commanding forts at the ſeveral free ports of this iſland, to take an account of all negroes and mulattoes on board of any foreign veſſel which may arrive at ſuch ports, and not to permit ſuch veſſel to depart this iſland without carrying with them all ſuch perſons; and alſo to prevent ſuch veſſels from taking away any ſlave belonging to this iſland, for the carrying off whom they cannot ſhew a ſufficient title or authority; and that this Houſe will provide for any expences thereby incurred."

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Tharp be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the above meſſages, who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The engroſſed bill to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for building a ſtone bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St. Catherine, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs,

Ordered, That Mr Speaker ſign the ſame.

Mr Bryan Edwards, from the commiſſioners appointed by law to collect, print, and publiſh, the ſeveral public acts of this iſland, which were in force on the 31ſt day of December, 1790, reported,

"THAT the publication is in great forwardneſs, the laws up to the year 1782 being completed, with an accuracy, preciſion, and elegance of printing, unexampled in this iſland; and the whole will be finiſhed by the month of June next.

"The commiſſioners beg leave further to obſerve, that the ſeſſions of 1790 not ending as was expected, on the 31ſt of December, and conceiving it was the intention of the Houſe that all the laws of that ſeſſion ſhould be comprehended in the new edition, they directed the ſame to be continued to the 5th of March, 1791, which creates an additional expence of £. 300.

"The money granted by the Houſe was the ſum of £. 1200, out of which have been paid to James Jones, Eſq. for an aſſignment of his copy right, the ſum of £. 500, and the further ſums of £. 130 and £. 100 to the perſons employed in comparing and correcting the printed laws with the records, by which the enormous expence of office copies has

has been ſaved; and it will require £ 150, more to compile and tranſcribe an index and abridgment The ſeveral payments above-mentioned amount to the ſum of £ 1180, which leave a balance only of £. 20, towards the ſum of £ 1200, agreed to be paid to Alexander Aikman, for the expences of printing the laws, from the earlieſt times to the 31ſt December 1790, as per his account annexed.

" The commiſſioners further beg leave to ſubmit to the Houſe, whether it would not be adviſable to continue the laws down to the preſent time, and make additions thereto annually, after the manner of the Britiſh ſtatutes, the plan of which has been followed throughout the preſent work; in which caſe, it will be neceſſary to paſs a new law for that purpoſe."

[Vide APPENDIX (No. 24) for the account referred to in the above report.]

Ordered, That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to authorize and empower certain commiſſioners therein named, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch public acts of this iſland, as have been paſſed, ſince the 31ſt day of December, 1790, and are now in force, and likewiſe, from time to time, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch other public acts of this iſland, as may hereafter be paſſed; and for declaring the acts ſo publiſhed to be evidence in all caſes whatſoever; which was received, and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Mr Bryan Edwards, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to prevent the embezzlement of his Majeſty's naval ſtores; which was received, and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to regulate the ſales of negroes, on their importation from Africa, and to prevent the ſeparation of different branches of one and the ſame family; which was received, and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Mr. Shirley, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land, for enlarging the barrack in the town of St. Jago de la Vega; which was received, and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour;

And being met,

The bill to authorize and empower certain commiſſioners therein named, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch public acts of this iſland, as have been paſſed, ſince the 31ſt day of December, 1790, and are now in force, and likewiſe, from time to time, to collect,

print, and publiſh, all ſuch other public acts of this iſland, as may hereafter be paſſed; and for declaring the acts ſo publiſhed to be evidence in all caſes whatſoever, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, The the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act to authorize and empower certain commiſſioners therein named, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch public acts of this iſland, as have been paſſed ſince the 31ſt day of December. 1790, and are now in force, and likewiſe, from time to time to collect print, and publiſh, all ſuch other public acts of this iſland, as may hereafter be paſſed; and for declaring the acts ſo publiſhed to be evidence in all caſes whatſoever "

The bill to prevent the embezzlement of his Majeſty's naval ſtores, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered. That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act to declare, that an act of the Engliſh Parliament, which paſſed in the 9th and 10th years of the reign of William the Third, chap. 41, entitled, ' An act for the better preventing the embezzlement of his Majeſty's ſtores of war, and preventing cheats, frauds, and abuſes, in paying ſeamens wages,' is in force in this iſland."

The bill to regulate the ſales of negroes, on their importation from Africa, and to prevent the ſeparation of different branches of one and the ſame family, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent, as far as poſſible, the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family."

The bill for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land, for enlarging the barrack in the town of St Jago de la Vega, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered. That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land, for enlarging the barrack in the town of St. Jago de la Vega."

A member, in his place, laid before the Houſe ſundry papers relative to the proceedings of the comiſſioners named in the act, entitled, " An act for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land on the the north ſide of the public parade, in the town of St Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the ſtatue of Lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings, for holding and better preſerving the public records."

Ordered, That the above report and papers be ſeverally referred to the committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into further conſideration the ſtate of the iſland.

Then the Houſe reſolved into ſuch committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair,

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Mr. Blake, from the committee, reported twenty-ſix reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, where being again ſeverally read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follow:

" 1ſt. That it be recommeded to the Houſe, to direct the Receiver General, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, to pay the ſum of £. 4304, to the order of the commiſſioners, or any three of them, appointed by an act, entitled, " An act for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land on the north-ſide of the public parade, in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the ſtatue of Lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings, for holding and better preſerving the public records," to be applied towards erecting and building the ſaid edifices and buildings; and that this, or any future aſſembly will make good the ſame.

" 2. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 200. to the order of Doctor Thomas Dancer, for his care of the Botanic Garden, at the Bath of St Thomas the Apoſtle.

" 3. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of the Bath of St Thomas the Apoſtle, the ſum of £. 100, for the hire of a white gardener, and the further ſum of £. 100, for negro labour to cultivate the Botanic Garden.

" 4. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of the commiſſioners of forts, fortifications, and public buildings, the ſum of £ 564 : 2 : 2, being the amount of the expence incurred by Edward Woollery, Eſq. Surveyor of the Public Works, in removing cannon and ball, by the directions of the ſaid commiſſioners.

" 5. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £ 19 : 6 : 3, to the order of the commanding officer of his Majeſty's Firſt Battalion Royal, for ſundry contingencies incurred by the ſaid Battalion, as by the account ſent down to the Houſe by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 24th of February laſt.

" 6. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſeveral ſums of £. 98 : 4 : 7 and 32 : 7 : 3½, (making together the ſum of £ 147 : 11 : 10½) to the order of the commanding officer of his Majeſty's Tenth Regiment of Foot, for ſundry contingencies incurred by the ſaid Regiment, to the 26th day of December laſt, as by the two accounts ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, on the 3d day of December, and 24th of February laſt.

" 7. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of George Young, the ſum of £. 292 : 5 : 5, in full for repairing a houſe for a meſs-room for the officers of his Majeſty's 62d Regiment, as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage of the 29th of February laſt.

" 8. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill for paying the ſum of £. 67 : 10, to the order of William Bailey, in full for he hire of two wherries and negroes, for the uſe of his Majeſty's troops, at Fort-Auguſ-

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ta, to the 31ſt December laſt, as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage to the Houſe of the 2d March inſtant.

" 9. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of William Bryan, the ſum of £ 34, for boatage, and the further ſum of £. 9 : 17 : 6, for wharfage of arms and ammunition, as by his accounts ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 29th day of February laſt.

" 10. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 132 : 2 : 1, to the order of John Moriſon, for wharfage, freight, and wainage of arms and ammunition, as by his account ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 29th of February laſt.

" 11. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £ 61 : 13 : 10½, to the order of William Cuninghame, for ſundry articles ſupplied the iſland ſtore-keeper, for the uſe of his Maj-ſty's government, as by his account ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 29th day of February laſt.

" 12. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £ 2 : 5 : 10, to the order of Cuninghame and Ferguſon, for ſundry articles ſupplied the Iſland Store keeper, for the uſe of his Majeſty's government, as by the account ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 29th of February laſt.

" 13. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 56 : 15, to the order of James Jones, for waggonage of arms and ammunition for the uſe of the public, and for conveying the ſoldiers baggage to Old-Harbour, as by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's meſſage of the 29th of February laſt.

" 14 That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 14 : 8 : 3, to the order of John Edward Shackleford, Iſland Ordnance Store-keeper, for ſundry incidental charges incurred in conveying arms and ammunition to the out-pariſhes, as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage of the 29th of February laſt.

" 15 That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 127 : 19 : 2, to the order of the commanding officer of his Majeſty's royal artillery, being ſo much due to the ſaid regiment, for making cartridges, &c. as by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's meſſage of the 29th day of February laſt.

" 16. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of William Bryan, the ſum of £. 23 : 5, for the hire of a boat, for the uſe of the Port-Royal regiment of militia, and the further ſum of £. 12 : 17 : 1, for ſundry ſmall ſtores ſupplied the Iſland Store-keeper, for the uſe of the public, as by the accounts ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in his meſſage of the 29th day of February laſt.

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" 17. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 272 : 10, to the order of Robert Pitcairn, jun. for ſundry work done for the uſe of the public, as by the accounts ſent down by his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in his meſſage of the 29th day of February laſt.

" 18. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct the Receiver-General, to pay to the ſeveral perſons named in the accounts, reported on the 8th inſtant, from the committee appointed to conduct the funerals of his late Excellency the Earl, and the Counteſs of Effingham, agreeably to the ſums ſet oppoſite their reſpective names in the ſaid accounts, amounting in the whole to the ſum of £. 7985 : 4.

" 19. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for enabling the Receiver-General to remit to the Agent of this iſland the ſum of £. 1000 currency, for paying the expence of a monument, ordered to be prepared by Mr. Bacon, to the memory of the late Earl and Counteſs of Eſſingham.

" 20. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 1180, to the order of the commiſſioners named in an act, entitled, ' An act to authorize certain commiſſioners therein named to collect, print, and publiſh, the ſeveral public acts of Aſſembly of this iſland, and for declaring the acts ſo publiſhed by the ſaid commiſſioners to be evidence in all caſes whatſoever,' for the further purpoſes of the ſaid act.

" 21. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 70, to the order of the Rev. Thomas Warren, Chaplain to the Houſe, for his extraordinary trouble and attendance in this ſeſſion of Aſſembly.

" 22. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of George French, Eſq. the Clerk of this Houſe, the ſum of £. 300, for his extraordinary trouble in this ſeſſion.

" 23. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 100, to the order of Benjamin Lyon, Eſq. Sergeant at Arms, for his extraordinary attendance and trouble in this ſeſſion.

" 24. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 40, to the order of Thomas Wills, for his trouble and care of the robes and mace, alſo, the books in the Speaker's chamber, during this and the laſt ſeſſion.

" 25. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying the ſum of £. 70, to the order of George French, Clerk to this Houſe, in full for books, paper, pens, and ink, for the year 1791.

" 26. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to direct a clauſe to be inſerted in the Poll-Tax bill, for paying to the order of Captain Francis Incledon, aid du camp to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the iſland ſubſiſtence and lodging money."

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to collect and ſend home the ſeveral plants and trees, that are wanted for his Majeſty's garden at Kew, and that the

ſaid committee be authorized to draw on the Receiver-General for a ſum not exceeding £. 200, to anſwer any expences that may attend the ſame, and that this or any future Aſſembly will make good the ſame;

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, be a committee for that purpoſe.

A member in his place laid before the Houſe a catalogue of the Exotic Plants in the Botanic Garden.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the table to be peruſed by the members.

Ordered, That the ſaid catalogue be printed in the Royal Gazette for one month.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, they have agreed to the bill entitled, " An act to repeal an act, entitled, ' An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts, which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes;" with the following amendment:

" In the firſt line from the top of the ſeventh ſheet, after the word *ſame* dele all the following words in the ſaid line; alſo, dele all the words in the ſucceeding lines as far as the word *directed*, incluſive, in the ſixteenth line from the top of the ſame ſheet."

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the amendment propoſed by the Council to the ſaid bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

Sabbati, 10° Die Martii, 1792.

A MOTION being made, that the Houſe do come to the following reſolution:

" That

"That if any member of this Houſe ſhall hold private communications with either of the other branches of the legiſlature, on the ſubject-matter of queſtions depending in this Houſe, in the view of influencing their opinions on ſuch queſtions before they ſhall come before them in a regular parliamentary courſe, or ſhall endeavour ſurreptitiouſly to obtain the ſentiments either of the Commander in Chief, or of the members of the Council, on ſuch queſtions, depending in this Houſe, in the view of influencing the debates and proceedings of this Houſe, that this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt ſeverity againſt ſuch member."

The Houſe divided.

The Ayes went forth.

Ayes 14.—Mr. Shirley, Mr Scott of Lenox, Mr. Batty, Mr. Rodon, Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. White, Mr Murphy, Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Blake, Mr. Fuller, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Vaughan, and Mr. James Mitchell.

Noes 9.—Mr Fitch, Mr Galbraith, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Grant, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Rennalls, and Mr. Kemeys.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The engroſſed bill to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent as far as poſſible the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to declare that an act of the Engliſh Parliament, which paſſed in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of William III. Chap. 41, entitled, "An act for the preventing the embezzlement of his Majeſty's ſtores of war, and preventing cheats, frauds, and abuſes, in paying ſeamen's wages," to be in force in this iſland, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to authorize and empower certain commiſſioners therein named, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch public acts of this iſland as have been paſſed ſince the 31ſt day of December, 1790, and are now in force, and likewiſe, from time to time, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch other public acts of this iſland, as may hereafter be paſſed; and for declaring the acts ſo publiſhed to be evidence in all caſes whatſoever; was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to the Council:

MAY

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,*

" WE are ordered by the Houſe to acquaint you that they have agreed to the amendment propoſed by your Honours to the bill, entitled, " An act to repeal an act, entitled, ' An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves, and for other purpoſes;' and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts, which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes;" and have amended the bill accordingly."

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Vanheelen, Mr. Vaughan, Mr White, and Mr Fitch, be a committee to carry the above meſſage and bills, as alſo the engroſſed bills of yeſterday, to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Bryan Edwards, from the committee appointed to enquire whether it might not be advantageous to the public, and agreeable to the Commander in Chief, to ſell the Government Pen and Mountain, and the negroes thereunto belonging, reported,

" THAT they have met and enquired into the buſineſs referred to them by the Houſe, and find that the Pen is uſeful and convenient to the Government, but that it will be advantageous to the public, and agreeable to the preſent Commander in Chief, if power be given to the truſtees in whom the lands are veſted to leaſe, for a certain term, under a make-good leaſe, the Mountain polink, with the negroes belonging to it, and recommend to the Houſe to give leave to bring in a bill for that purpoſe."

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree to the report.

Ordered, That Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Grant, Mr. Bourke, and Mr. Wallen, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Mr. Batty, from the commiſſioners appointed to inſpect the books of the receiver-general, and to ſettle and adjuſt the public accounts, reported,

" THAT they have in conformity to the powers veſted in them by law, conducted the buſineſs committed to their direction, during the late receſſes, in the uſual manner; for the particulars of which they ſubmit to the Houſe the minutes of their proceedings, conſidering it ſufficient to ſtate the moſt material objects of their attention.

" The advantageous ſituation of the public funds on the 30th of September laſt, has exceeded their higheſt eſtimate, as will appear by the following account of the monies collected from the annual funds during the four preceding quarters, viz.

Under the Poll-Tax Law of 1791 - - -	£.	35014	11 6
Under the Deficiency, in payment of the firſt and ſecond quarters (except from ſome pariſhes in arrear) - - - -		5701	12 6
Under the Rum Law, for the firſt and ſecond quarters - -		3999	1 3
	£.	44715	5 3

The Arrears of taxes received during the ſame time,

On account of the Poll-Tax of 1790, amount to	£.	3133	15 10
Deficiency, 1790 - -		12282	8 5

On

Amount brought over			£. 15416	4	3	£. 44715	5 3
Rum, 1790			3459	1	3		
Arrears of former years			12828	2	5		
						31703	7 11
The caſh received under other heads, during the ſame time, includes							
Negro Duties to the amount of			£. 26133	18			
Additional Duties			3823	0	8		
Tax upon Tonnage			3031	14	4		
						32988	13 0
And the ſurplus ariſing from different branches of his Majeſty's revenue, carried in aid of the annual funds, including the balance of Gunpowder, amounts to						15432	9 1
Producing a Receipt of caſh, during the four quarters ending the 30th of September, of						£. 124839	15 3

« The public engagements entered into with the Contractor for ſubſiſting his Majeſty's Troops have been punctually complied with, and the contingent charges of government regularly ſatisfied, but the Commiſſioners have not conſidered it prudent to advance farther in the reduction of the public debt this year, than to call in iſland certificates bearing intereſt to the extent of about £. 13400, the holders of which have not been obliged to receive their payment ſooner than the 10th of October, and therefore they form a part of the public debt outſtanding the 30th of September laſt, included in the following ſtatement of debts, due by the public of Jamaica, viz.

£. 1863	5	8	Certificates granted for the appropriations of 1789, with intereſt, to 30th September laſt.
9553	10	10	Ditto ditto to A. Donaldſon, with ditto to ditto
1381	9	7	Ditto ditto to the Officers of his Majeſty's Troops, with do. to do.
602	12	5	Ditto ditto for Lottery Prizes, with ditto to ditto
13400	18	6	Payable the 10th of October, when a further intereſt for ten days, on the principal ſums, is to be added to the amount.
12537	14	5	Principal and Intereſt of certificates, iſſued the 1ſt January 1788.
350			Certificates for the appropriations 1791, not bearing intereſt.
£. 26288	12	11	Total amount of certificates outſtanding the 30th of Sept with intereſt.
1680			Due to the commiſſioners for erecting the ſtatue of Lord Rodney.
7230			Due to the commiſſioners for roads and bridges
13000			Due to the commiſſioners of forts and fortifications.
£ 48198	12	11	The amount of the public debt on the 30th of Sept laſt, which is liable to ſome augmentation from latent claims.

The funds for the diſcharge of this debt conſiſt of

The balance of caſh in the cheſt of the annual funds on the 30th of Sept.						£. 32838	16 4
The ſurplus of the revenue on that day,						4715	13 8
The balance of gunpowder ditto,						10716	15 5
Amount of caſh in hand,						£. 4 271	5 5

" Although this ſum appeared ſufficient for the payment of the public debt, excluſive of any aid from the arrears due for taxes of the laſt and former years, which amount to above £. 45000, yet it was by no means prudent to depend upon the produce of theſe arrears, as an effective fund to anſwer the current ſervices of government, until the taxes to be impoſed for the preſent year ſhould be collected; eſpecially as the Commiſſioners had reaſon to apprehend a poſſibility of exigencies, which the circumſtances of the times have ſince produced, and which have rendered it neceſſary for them to take every precaution for the ſupport of the public credit, and the punctual diſcharge of the demands engaged ſpecifically to be paid in caſh, as well as to enable the Receiver General to anſwer other immediate calls for ſpecie, which the Houſe might find occaſion to employ; they have therefore judged it prudent to authorize the Receiver-General to iſſue certificates bearing intereſt, in ſatisfaction of all other claims, in order to avoid any inconvenience until the ſupplies for the current year ſhall be raiſed; the amount of theſe ſupplies muſt of neceſſity be proportioned to the increaſed expences of Government, in the preſent ſituation of this colony, but may be moderated by a due attention, as well to the recovery of the ſums now owing to the public, as to the more ſpeedy, and therefore the more effectual collection of the taxes in future; for which purpoſe the Commiſſioners conceive that ſome amendments are requiſite in the coercive clauſes of the money bills, which reſpect and regulate the proceedings of the magiſtrates and veſtries, from whom, in the firſt inſtance, thoſe laws derive their effect: The Deficiency Law in particular has afforded, in its late form, opportunities of defrauding the revenue in various ways, and indeed every object of it is, in ſome meaſure, notoriouſly defeated: The practice of furniſhing dwellings, of whatever deſcription, to idle people, anſwers the purpoſe of ſaving a greater value in yearly deficiencies, than the total coſt of putting up the huts, which are honoured with the name of houſes, merely to ſerve as an aſylum to vagabonds, and a pretext to avoid the tax, a pretext which abſentees, principally, are benefited by; and of late it has not been unuſual for the proprietors of houſes, yielding conſiderable annual rents, to eſcape from their deficiencies by the aſſiſtance of their tenants. Theſe are ſome of the inconveniencies which explain the rapid decreaſe in the produce of the Deficiency Law.

" The Commiſſioners have annexed hereto an eſtimate of the Ways and Means of raiſing the funds for defraying the contingent expences of Government for the preſent year, and alſo an eſtimate of thoſe expences, both which they ſubmit to the conſideration of the Houſe.

" They have to add to the liſt of debts due by the publie, a ſum of £. 300 claimed as having been granted the 6th of December 1776 to certain truſtees, and provided for under the Deficiency Law of 1777, for ſhortening the great road round the iſland by a cut from Harbour-Head Works; which ſum was not called for till lately, and it appears that there are not any truſtees authoriſed to receive it now on the iſland, nor is there any proviſion in the Receiver-General's hands applicable to that purpoſe, the monies raiſed for it having been otherwiſe appropriated for the uſe of the public, and accounted for long ſince.

" The Commiſſioners have duly examined the books of the late Receiver-General, and have regularly audited and paſſed his quarterly accounts to the 31ſt of December laſt, when the balances in his hands were ſtated, and have been paid over to thoſe of his ſucceſſor."

ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE of WAYS and MEANS to raiſe the Funds for defraying the Expences of Government for the year 1792.

Rum Law eſtimated to produce	£.	7500	
Double Deficiency		17000	
Negro Duties		22000	
Additional Duties		5000	
Poll Tax at eight ſhillings		91000	
Surplus of the Revenue, including what may be expected from Quit-Rents and Quit-Rent Bonds, the ſame as laſt year		15430	
Arrears of Annual Taxes		18000	
		175930	
Caſh on hand the 30th of September was		48271	5 5
	£.	224201	5 5

ACCOUNT of the CONTINGENT EXPENCES of the GOVERNMENT of JAMAICA for the year 1792.

The Governor's additional ſalary,				£.	2500
Subſiſtence of his Majeſty's Troops, including the 49th regiment, with Officers' ſubſiſtence and lodging money					52000
Hoſpital for ſick Soldiers					900
Clerk of the Court					100
Clerk of the Crown					100
Chaplain to the Aſſembly					140
Clerk to the Aſſembly					700
Serjeant at Arms					500
Thomas Wills, for care of the upper part of the Public Buildings					140
Deputy Receiver-General, Naval Officer, and Secretary, at	Port-Antonio				210
Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Savanna-la-Mar		210
Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Montego-Bay		210
Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Lucea		210
Clerk to the Committee of Correſpondence					50
Ditto to the Commiſſioners of Forts and Fortifications					150
Secretary to the Commiſſioners of Public Accounts and Contingencies					900
Engineer of Forts and Surveyor of Harbours, at 10s. per day					182 10
Captain of Fort Auguſta	ditto				182 10
Lieutenant of ditto	at 5s. per day				91 5
Captain of Fort George	at 6s 8d. do.				121 13 4
Captain of Rock Fort	at 5s. per ditto				91 5
Captain of Fort Charlotte	ditto				91 5
Iſland Storekeeper's ſalary and additional ſalary					200
Commiſſary of Muſters' ſubſiſtence and lodging money					102
Surgeon General's	ditto	ditto			102
J. S Brodbelt, Superintendant of Scott's Hall, for lodging money					20
Phyſician to the Bath, £. 200 and £. 100					300
Commander in Chief for Maroon Parties					500

Engineer

Engineer of the Iſland, ſubſiſtence and lodging money	£.	102	
Commiſſioners of Forts for ſhifting powder and ſtores		600	
Iſland Agent's ſalary for the laſt year		420	
Edward Woollery's ſalary for the current year		700	
Reverend Thomas Warren, for two ſermons		140	
Captain John Harris, for lodging		50	
Salary due Alexander Cumine		53	
Colonel George Gray		70	
William Lane, Captain of Apoſtles Battery		100	
Admiral Affleck		800	
Furniture, &c. for the King's Houſe		1000	
Detachment at Lucea for fire wood		75	
Ditto at Port Antonio for ditto		75	
Henry Andrew Francken		100	
J. M. Dwyer, for tranſlations		12	
Commander in Chief, for keeping arms in repair		99	
Embankment of Plantain-Garden River		500	
Repairs to bathing room and poor's hoſpital at Bath		200	
Store Rent and Diſburſements of the 62d regiment		29 19	3½
Brigade Major's lodging money		27 18	11
Small Diſburſements of the 10th regiment		3 3	4
Repairs of barracks at Stoney Hill		17 17	6
William Dunlop, removing baggage of the 19th regiment		74 10	
Ditto ditto of the 14th ditto		42	
James Jones, ditto of the 10th ditto		144 10	
Crawle Penn, ditto 10th and 14th ditto		99	
John Morriſon, for freight, wharfage, &c. for 19th and 62d regiments		166 6	8
N. C. Tyrrell, ſupplying wood, water, &c.		26 9	6
William Bailey, for wherry hire		540	
Robert Wetherell, for ditto		944 12	6
Races at St. Jago		125	
Ditto Kingſton		125	
Ditto Cornwall		125	
Doctor Brodbelt, St. Jago gaol		100	
Strupar, Bennett, and Doddington, Printers		51 7	6
Thomas Alves, Deputy Marſhal		55 8	9
David Finlayſon, ditto		71 11	4
Duncan Fraſer, ditto		415 17	6
Walter Welch, ditto		118 12	8
William Dunlop, recording laws		609 1	3
James Jones, tranſcribing and examining books, &c.		575 3	1
J. Welſh, building drain for barracks		254 5	
Ditto hire of watchmen at Fort Small		57 6	8
David Dickſon, Printer		45 6	3
Alexander Aikman, ditto		787 3	1
Ditto Printing Journals, 1790		400	
James Jones for expences of book-binding		8 2	6
Gilbert Waugh, for wherry hire		103 10	
Dr James Walker, £. 87 18s. 9 and £ 100		187 18	9
William Fraſer, ſurveyor		140	6
James Dott, for work done		58 10	

Robert

Robert Pitcairn, for work done	£. 146	0	9
Fitzſimons and Jameſon	392	5	
John Simpſon, Marſhal of the Admiralty	78	6	8
William Walker, Regiſter of the Court of Admiralty	128	5	7½
Hoſpital at Kingſton	500		
Commiſſioners for the ſtatue of Lord Rodney	3167		
Public roads	6000		
Expences of the late funerals	7985	4	
Ditto of arms ordered from England	25000		
Ditto of building barracks	15000		
Intereſt of money to the free-ſchools	391	16	9
Gunner and Storekeeper, Fort-Auguſta	100		
Superintendants of the Maroon towns	1100		
White men reſiding there	200		
Annuities to free negroes	120		
Expence of removing cannon, and ſundry accounts paſſed	1090	15	8½
Accounts paſſed for incidental expences of martial law	747	13	9½
Expences of martial law	15000		
Ditto of a regiment expected	10000		
Ditto of a monument for Lord and Lady Effingham	1000		
Repairs of barracks at Stoney-Hill	2347		
Ditto ditto at Fort Auguſta	918		
Ditto ditto at Port-Royal	488		
Ditto ditto at Apoſtles Battery	207		
Ditto ditto at Spaniſh-Town	230		
Public Buildings	1130		
Iſland ſtore at Fort Auguſta	210		
Kingſton barracks	120		
Fort Charlotte	975		
Colonel Martin	28	19	10
James and David Aird	57	11	
Sir Richard Baſſett	38		
Watchman at	30		
Captain Thomſon	140		
Kingſton barracks	4200		
Port Royal hoſpital	556		
Directors of the Bath	200		
Overſeer of ditto	100		
Botanic Garden	400		
Fees on public bills	275		
Printed laws	1180		
Stationary	70		
Clerk of the Houſe	300		
Benjamin Lyon	100		
Reverend Thomas Warren	70		
Thomas Wills	40		
Captain Francis Incledon	102		
	£. 175300	19	
Debt due by the public, the 30th September laſt	48198	12	11
	£. 223499	11	11

Ways and Means		£. 224201	5 5
Debts and Contingent Expences		223499	11 11
Surplus		£. 701	13 6

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

Mr Bryan Edwards, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill to authorize and empower his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, and the commiſſioners named and appointed in and by an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1759, entitled, "An act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being," to leaſe out part of the ſaid lands and premiſes; which was received and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour;

And being met,

The bill to authorize and empower his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, and the commiſſioners named and appointed in and by an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1759, entitled, "An act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being," to leaſe out part of the ſaid lands and premiſes, was read a ſecond time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act to authorize and empower his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, and the commiſſioners named and appointed in and by an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1759, entitled, 'An act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being,' to leaſe out part of the ſaid lands and premiſes."

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to inſpect into the ſeveral gaols, hoſpitals, and workhouſes, in the county of Surry, and to make a report thereof to the Houſe early in the next ſeſſion;

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Fitch, Mr Wallen, Mr. Fraſer, Mr Cockburn, Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr Richards, Mr Scott (of Hordley), Mr. Kemeys, and Mr. Campbell, or any three of them, be a committee for that purpoſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons and papers, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to inſpect into the ſeveral gaols, hoſpitals, and workhouſes, in the county of Middleſex, and to make a report thereof to the houſe early in the next ſeſſion;

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Rodon, Mr. Redwood, Mr Rennalls, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr Fuller, Mr. Thompſon, Mr Chief Juſtice, Mr. Barton, Mr Bourke, Mr James Mitchell, Mr Batty, Mr. Anderſon, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. White, Mr. Murphy, and Mr Grant, or any three of them, be a committee for that purpoſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons and papers, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to inſpect into the ſeveral gaols, hoſpitals, and workhouſes, in the county of Cornwall, and to make a report thereof to the Houſe early in the next ſeſſion;

Ordered, That Mr Blake, Mr Vanheelen, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Scott (of Lenox), Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Barrett, Mr Bryan Edwards, and Mr. Tharp, or any three of them, be a committee for that purpoſe; that they have power to ſend for perſons and papers, and to examine all perſons that ſhall come before them in the moſt ſolemn manner.

Ordered, That the clerks of the ſeveral veſtries of this iſland do, on or before the firſt day of May next, cauſe to be printed a liſt of the names of the perſons or properties on the poll-tax roll, to be made out for the reſpective pariſhes for the enſuing year, and diſtribute copies thereof throughout ſuch pariſhes; and that they do likewiſe tranſmit to the clerk of this Houſe fifty copies; the expence of which this Houſe will make good.

The Houſe, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe upon the bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes.

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Tharp took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Tharp, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made ſeveral amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table with the bill; where ſeveral amendments being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then one other amendment being again read;

And a motion being made, and the queſtion put, to agree to the report,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then ſeveral other amendments being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill, with the amendments, be engroſſed, and that the title be, "An act for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes, and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Then

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour;

And being met,

The engroſſed bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes, and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land for enlarging the barracks in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill to authorize and empower his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, and the commiſſioners named and appointed in and by an act of the Governor, council, and aſſembly of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1759 entitled, "An act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being," to leaſe out part of the ſaid lands and premiſes, was read the third time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr Shirley, Mr Galbraith, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. James Mitchell, be a committee to carry the above bills to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That the Receiver-General do pay the fees on the bill for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land for enlarging the barracks in the town of St Jago de la Vega, the ſame being a private bill; and this Houſe will make good the expence thereof.

Ordered. That the Receiver-General do pay the fees on the bill to authorize and empower his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, and the commiſſioners named and appointed in and by an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1759, entitled, "An act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premiſes to be annexed to the government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being," to leaſe out part of the ſaid lands and premiſes, the ſame being a private bill; and this Houſe will make good the expence thereof.

A meſſage

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by his Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

I AM commanded by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to lay the annexed petitions from Major James, Commandant of Maroons, before the Houſe.

Jamaica, ſſ.

To his Honour ADAM WILLIAMSON, *Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majeſty's iſland of Jamaica, and the Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the ſame;*

The humble MEMORIAL of JOHN JAMES, Major Commandant of the Maroons, of the ſaid iſland, and JOHN MONTAGUE JAMES, Captain of the Maroons of Trelawny-Town,

" SHEWETH AND REQUESTS,

" THAT your Honour will be pleaſed to lay the petition of your memorialiſts before the Honourable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in ſuch convenient time as to your Honour ſhall ſeem meet; and your memorialiſts, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

" JOHN JAMES, *Major Commandant of the Maroons.*

" JOHN MONTAGUE JAMES, *Capt. of Trelawny-Town Maroons.*"

To the Honourable SAMUEL WILLIAMS HAUGHTON, *Eſquire, Speaker, and the other members of the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly;*

The humble PETITION of JOHN JAMES, Eſquire, Major Commandant of all the Maroons,

" SHEWETH,

" THAT your petitioner, when he was firſt appointed ſuperintendent of Trelawny Maroon Town, in the year 1767, was under the neceſſity of building a houſe at the ſaid town, for the reſidence of himſelf and aſſiſtants:

" That he was put to great expence in building the ſaid houſe, and alſo in keeping the ſame in repair from time to time during the firſt ten years after he went to live there, when the ſaid houſe went to ruin, owing to the bad timbers which are only to be found in that part of the country:

" That your petitioner had no place of reſidence at the ſaid town, from the time the ſaid houſe went to ruins, except what he paid rent for to the negroes at the ſaid town, till the month of January, 1791, when he purchaſed from Sam Bayley, a negro, lately belonging to Trelawny-Town, but then about to remove to New-Town, a dwelling-houſe, for the uſe of the captain and aſſiſtant of the ſaid town:

" That it was abſolutely neceſſary to purchaſe the ſaid houſe for the reſidence of the captain and aſſiſtant, there being no place of reſidence for them at the ſaid town:

" That it coſt your petitioner the ſum of £. 300 and upwards, in building, keeping in repair, and in the purchaſe and rent of houſes, for the Captain and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid town:

" Your petitioner therefore humbly prays, that this Honourable Houſe will take the premiſes into their conſideration, and grant your petitioner relief; and your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

" JOHN JAMES, *Major Commandant of the Maroons.*"

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me John James, Major Commandant of the Maroons, and made oath on the Holy Evangeliſts of Almighty God, that the contents of the annexed petition are juſt and true, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief, this 8th March, 1792.

JOHN CLINTON M'ANUFF.

Jamaica, ſſ.

To the Honourable SAMUEL WILLIAMS HAUGHTON, *Eſquire, and the other members of the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly;*

The humble PETITION of JOHN MONTAGUE JAMES, Captain of Trelawny Maroon Town,

" SHEWETH,

" THAT this honourable Houſe, in the year 1788, ordered the ſum of two hundred pounds to be paid to your petitioner by the Receiver-General, for his ſervices to that time as Captain of Trelawny Maroon Town, which ſum the Receiver-General hath hitherto always refuſed to pay.

" That your petitioner hath, ever ſince the year 1788, acted as Captain of the ſaid Town, but hath received no pay for the ſame.

" Your petitioner therefore humbly prays, that this honourable Houſe will take the premiſes into their conſideration, and grant your petitioner relief; and your petitioner ſhall ever pray, &c.

" JOHN MONTAGUE JAMES, *Capt. of the Trelawny Maroons.*"

Ordered, That the above meſſage and papers be taken into conſideration, early the next ſeſſion.

A meſſage from the Council, by their Clerk, as follows,

" *MR. SPEAKER,*

" I AM commanded by the Council to acquaint the Houſe, that they have agreed to the bill, entitled, 'An act for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes, and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes;' with the following amendment.

" Dele

" Dele all the words in the 1ſt, 2d, 3d, and 4th lines, from the top of the 7th ſheet, as far as the word " *aforeſaid*" incluſive, in the ſaid 4th line.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be rejected.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Provoſt-Marſhal, as follows:

" *MR SPEAKER*,

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this honourable Houſe, in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe went up, when his Honour was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the following bills:

An act to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections.

An act to repeal an act, entitled, " An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves; and for other purpoſes;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts, which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes.

An act for appointing commiſſioners for purchaſing a ſufficient quantity of land, for enlarging the barracks in the town of St. Jago de la Vega.

An act to declare, that an act of the Engliſh Parliament, which paſſed in the 9th and 10th years of the reign of William the Third, chap. 41, entitled, " An act for the better preventing the embezzlement of his Majeſty's ſtores of war, and preventing cheats, frauds, and abuſes, in paying ſeamens wages," is in force in this iſland.

An act to regulate the ſales of newly imported negroes, and to prevent, as far as poſſible, the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family.

An act to authorize and empower his Honour Adam Williamſon, Eſquire, and the commiſſioners named and appointed in and by an act of the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of this iſland, paſſed in the year of our Lord 1759, entitled, " An act to augment the ſalary of his Excellency George Haldane, Eſquire, and for providing certain lands and premites to be annexed to the government, for the uſe of the Governor for the time being," to leaſe out part of the ſaid lands and premiſes.

An act to authorize and empower certain commiſſioners therein named, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch public acts of this iſland, as have been paſſed ſince the 31ſt day of December, 1790, and are now in force; and likewiſe, from time to time, to collect, print, and publiſh, all ſuch other public acts of this iſland, as may hereafter be paſſed; and for declaring the acts ſo publiſhed to be evidence in all caſes whatſoever.

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An act for building a ſtone bridge over the Rio Cobre, in the pariſh of St Catherine.

An act for diſpenſing with an act, entitled, "An act to prevent the burying the dead in the churches of this iſland, and to enable the juſtices and veſtry of certain pariſhes to purchaſe lands for burial grounds;" and to indemnify the Reverend David Fullerton, the preſent rector of the pariſh of St Ann, or the rector of the ſaid pariſh for the time being, againſt the pains and penalties of the ſaid act, for permitting the remains of Captain William Affleck, late of his Majeſty's ſhip Blonde, to be removed from the church-yard, and interred within the walls of the church of the ſaid pariſh.

An act to put the fort at Montego-Bay, in the pariſh of St. James, upon the iſland eſtabliſhment.

Then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following ſpeech:

"*GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

"I SHOULD, with great ſatisfaction, have given you the uſual receſs at this ſeaſon of the year, having paſſed all ſuch bills as have been preſented to me, but am prevented by ſome of the ſupplies, which were intended to provide for the exigencies of Government, having failed in their paſſage to me. I do therefore, in his Majeſty's name, prorogue this General Aſſembly to Tueſday next, the 13th inſtant, then to meet and proceed to buſineſs, and it is prorogued accordingly."

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

END OF THE FOURTH SESSION.

VOTES

VOTES
OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

Martis 13° Die Martii, 1792.

THE Aſſembly being met, according to prorogation, Mr. Rodon waited on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquainted him therewith.

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Provoſt-Marſhal, as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER,*

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Council Chamber, immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe went up, and, being returned,

Ordered, That the rules agreed to on the firſt day of the laſt ſeſſion be the ſtanding rules of the Houſe, during the preſent ſeſſion.

Mr Speaker reported, that the Houſe having attended his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the Council Chamber, his Honour was pleaſed to make a ſpeech, of which, Mr Speaker ſaid, he had, to prevent miſtakes, obtained a copy; and the ſame, being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

" *GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*
" *Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" It has been my moſt ſanguine wiſh, ſince the reins of Government were placed in my hands, that the greateſt harmony ſhould ſubſiſt between all the branches of the Legi-

ſlature, and I flattered myſelf that the ſeſſion would have ended in a manner highly ſatisfactory to his Majeſty's Government, and to the community at large.

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY*,

"We have all to lament the diſtreſſes of St. Domingo, but I am ſorry to find, that the papers which I received from the Governor and Colonial Aſſembly of that iſland, (and which I ſent to the Houſe merely for their information, and without any recommendation whatever) ſhould have induced the Houſe to inſert a clauſe in a bill ſo eſſentially neceſſary for the welfare of the country, and ſo foreign to the purport of a bill which was manifeſtly intended for the proviſion of the troops that are already in the iſland, or that may arrive in conſequence of the application of the Houſe, tranſmitted to his Majeſty, for the more permanent ſecurity of the iſland, and for other exigencies of our own government.

"I truſt that the Houſe, availing themſelves of the ſhort prorogation, will recollect that the good of this country ſhould be the primary object of their deliberations, and enable me to grant them that receſs which, at this time particularly, muſt be ſo deſirable.

"*GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL*,

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY*,

"As nothing can ſo much conduce to the public ſervice and welfare of the iſland, as a perfect harmony between yourſelves, ariſing from a faithful diſcharge of your reſpective truſts, I cannot but expect that you will proceed with ſuch temper and conſideration as will beſt evince your regard for the crown, and promote the happineſs of your country."

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe to-morrow morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker*.

Mercurii, 14° Die Martii, 1792.

THE Sergeant at Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker, to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the members, on the buſineſs of the Houſe, and he went accordingly; and being returned,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant-Governor's ſpeech of yeſterday, and the meſſage from the Council, in the laſt ſeſſion, of the 8th inſtant, be referred to the ſaid committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch committee,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Blake took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr. Blake from the committee, reported thirteen reſolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, where being again read, were agreed unto by the Houſe, *nemine contradicente*, and are as follows:

" 1. THAT it is the opinion of this committee, that animated by a juſt ſenſe of duty and gratitude to our ſovereign, for that paternal care which graciouſly anticipated our wiſhes, by ordering a reinforcement to the troops on this eſtabliſhment, even before our application for that purpoſe had reached the Throne, this Houſe, during the late ſeſſion, proceeded with the utmoſt alacrity to make that additional proviſion for their ſupport, for which the faith of the country ſtands pledged in the moſt ſolemn manner to his Majeſty; and for which, and other exigencies of Government, the Houſe paſſed bills of ſupply to the amount of £. 224,000, and upwards.

" 2. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the remittance of money to our agent, for the purchaſe of arms, ammunition, and accoutrements, for our militia, is equally among the exigencies of this Government as any proviſion whatever; and that the inſertion in the poll-tax bill of a clauſe to provide the means of making ſuch remittance is not foreign to the purport of the bill; an arrangement, however, on which this Houſe alone is competent to deliberate, direct, and determine.

" 3. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Council of this iſland did, by their meſſage to the Houſe of the 8th inſtant, ſet up an unheard-of claim to a right of deliberating on the ſeveral clauſes, regulations, and proviſions, in our money-bills, even before they paſs the Houſe; aſſerting this new and extraordinary pretenſion to be one of " *their conſtitutional functions*," and, without having even read the evidence which was taken at our bar on the ſecurity of the bills ordered to be purchaſed, they preſume to depreciate their validity, and indecently tell us that " *there is not a ſhadow of vindication for our conduct on any plea of ſtate-expediency.*"

" 4. That it is the opinion of this committee, that, notwithſtanding ſuch aſſuming and irregular interference of the Council, this Houſe, thinking it unbecoming their honour, and inconſiſtent with their duty, to have any controverſy with the Board on a ſubject on which this Houſe alone is competent to determine, proceeded without interruption in completing the ſupply bill before us, which was accordingly paſſed and ſent up to the Board on Saturday the 10th inſtant.

" 5. That

" 5. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the conduct of the Board, in offering an amendment to the ſaid bill of ſupply, is a violation of the moſt precious and important privilege of this Houſe, and a ſubverſion of the greateſt ſecurity of the people againſt arbitrary power; it being evident to the meaneſt capacity, that if the Council can limit and direct the diſpoſal and appropriation of the public money in any *one* inſtance, they can do it in *all;* and thus the ultimate and abſolute direction of the property of our conſtituents may devolve into the hands of men who have not neceſſarily a territorial qualification in the country, and who have no community of intereſts with, nor are accountable to, the public for any part of their conduct.

" 6. That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is with equal aſtoniſhment and grief we perceive, by the ſpeech of the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of this ſeſſion, that his Honour has taken a decided part with the Council on the preſent occaſion, and without affording us an opportunity of juſtifying our conduct, *if right*, or of correcting it, *if wrong*, has condemned our proceedings in language which, we humbly conceive, has not been addreſſed to the repreſentatives of the people ſince the revolution.

" 7. That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is the ancient and undoubted right of the repreſentatives of the people of this iſland, convened in General Aſſembly, that the Governor or Commander in Chief ought not to take notice of any matter in agitation and debate in this Houſe, but by our information or agreement; nor to propound any condition, proviſion, or limitation, to any bill or act in debate or preparation, nor to manifeſt or declare his conſent or diſſent, approbation or diſlike of the ſame, before it be preſented to him in a regular parliamentary courſe.

" 8. That it is the opinion of this committee, that when papers are ſent to this Houſe by the Governor or Commander in Chief, ſuch papers neceſſarily come recommended to our conſideration; concerning the diſpatches alluded to in his Honour's ſpeech, it was never aſſerted by this Houſe, or any member of this Houſe, that his Honour gave any opinion on their merits They were referred to us for the exerciſe of our deliberative capacity thereon To aſſert that they were meant ſolely for our information, if by ſuch aſſertion it is meant to preclude all right of diſcuſſion, is inconſiſtent and contradictory, and ſubverſive of the rights and privileges of this Houſe

" 9. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Houſe has in no inſtance forgot, " that the good of this country ſhould be the primary object of their deliberations," but diſclaiming that odious and ſecret exultation at the misfortunes of a colony, whoſe diſaſtrous ſituation may at ſome future period be our own, which ſeems to have induced his Majeſty's Council to heap inſult on their misfortunes, we conſider that the preſervation of this country is involved in that of St. Domingo; for whatever temporary advantage our ſtaples may derive from the calamities of that iſland, the tenure both of our properties and lives is precarious, while our ſlaves have ſuch a precedent of the triumph of ſavage anarchy over all order and government.

" 10, That it is the opinion of this committee, that notwithſtanding the various indignities and obſtructions which we have received, we will forthwith proceed " with ſuch temper and conſideration as will beſt evince our regard to the Crown, and promote the happineſs of the community," to fulfil our engagements to our ſovereign; at the ſame time, the duty we owe to our conſtituents and to poſterity, will compel us at all hazards, to preſerve undiminiſhed and unimpaired, our ſole and excluſive right to direct, limit, and appoint,

appoint, the diſpoſal and appropriation of the public money, reſiſting to the utmoſt the preſent unwarrantable pretenſions of his Majeſty's Council, and while we preſerve our loyalty to the King, remaining undiſmayed at the diſpleaſure of his repreſentative.

" 11. That it be recommended to the Houſe, to appoint a committee to prepare an humble addreſs to his Majeſty, grounded on the ſeveral preceding Reſolutions; and further, moſt humbly to repreſent to his Majeſty, that the junction of two ſuch different capacities, as that of a Privy Council of State and a Legiſlative Council, in one and the ſame body, of which five members only conſtitute a quorum (no greater number having attended at the Board during the late conteſt) has ever been productive of great inconveniency to the good people of this iſland, and has proved, and muſt always prove, the never failing ſource of diſcord and diſtruſt between this Houſe and the King's repreſentative; and laſtly, to pray his Majeſty graciouſly to afford ſuch further relief in the premiſes, as to his royal wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet"

Ordered, That Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Shirley, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 12. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare an humble addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to expreſs our concern that his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion has compelled us to come to certain reſolutions, in juſtification of our conduct, and declaratory of our rights; and to reſort to our moſt gracious Sovereign for his royal and paternal interpoſition, to prevent ſuch neceſſity in future; copies of which reſolutions we beg leave to lay before his Honour, and, having a ſincere and ardent deſire to promote the eaſe, the happineſs, and the honour, of his adminiſtration, ſhall think ourſelves fortunate if means can be adopted, to relieve him from the embaraſſment in which he is involved by the preſent unjuſtifiable proceedings of his Majeſty's Council of this iſland."

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan Edwards, Mr. William Mitchell, and Mr. Shirley, be a committee for that purpoſe.

" 13. That it be recommended to the Houſe to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes"

Ordered, That Mr. Rodon, Mr. White, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee for that purpoſe.

Then Mr. Blake acquainted the Houſe that the committee had directed him to move the Houſe for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into, and take further into conſideration, the ſtate of the iſland.

Mr Bryan Edwards, from the committee appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, for his ſpeech at the opening of the ſeſſion, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where, being again read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed.

Mr Rodon, according to order, preſented to the Houſe a bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, which was received, and read the firſt time.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time this day.

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour,

And being met,

The bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be committed to a committee of the whole Houſe, immediately, and that the committee have power to receive clauſes.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into ſuch committee,

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Rodon took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the chair.

Mr Rodon, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, without making any amendment thereto.

And a motion being made, that the following clauſe be ſtruck out of the ſaid bill:

"That the Receiver-General for the time being do iſſue certificates, (counterſigned by three of the commiſſioners of accounts) bearing an intereſt of ſix pounds per cent to the amount of £. 10,000 ſterling, in payment of bills to be drawn by the Government of St. Domingo on the Treaſury of France, which bills are to be made payable to our Agent, on the Royal Exchange of London, free of all coſts and loſſes."

The Houſe divided,

The Aye went forth.

Aye 1.—Mr Kemeys.

Noes 27.—Mr. Batty, Mr M'Lean, Mr. Grant, Mr Barton, Mr Bryan Edwards, Mr. Thompſon, Mr. Rennalls, Mr Vaughan, Mr Fuller, Mr Murphy, Mr Scott, (of Lenox,) Mr Richards, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr Cockburn, Mr William Mitchell, Mr Redwood, Mr. Fitch, Mr Fraſer, Mr White, Mr. Walſen, Mr Zachary Bayly Edwards, Mr. Rodon, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Whitehorne, Mr. Anderſon, and Mr. Blake.

So

So it paſſed in the negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be engroſſed, and that the title be, " An act for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes."

Then the Houſe adjourned for one quarter of an hour;

And being met,

The engroſſed addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was read in the words following:

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

" We his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Aſſembly of Jamaica, are truly concerned that the ſpeech made by your Honour, at the opening of this ſeſſion, has compelled us to come to certain reſolutions, in juſtification of our conduct, and declaratory of our rights, and to reſort to our moſt gracious ſovereign, for his royal and paternal interpoſition, to prevent ſuch neceſſity in future, copies of which reſolutions we beg leave to lay before your Honour; and having a ſincere and ardent deſire to promote the eaſe, the happineſs, and the honour of your Government, ſhall think ourſelves fortunate if means can be adopted, to relieve your Honour from the embarraſſment in which your adminiſtration is involved by the preſent unjuſtifiable proceedings of his Majeſty's Council of this iſland."

Reſolved, *nemine contradicente*, That the ſaid addreſs do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That the following meſſage be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

" *MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,*

" We are ordered by the Houſe to wait on your Honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble addreſs to preſent, they deſire to know when you will pleaſe to be attended.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell and Mr. Tharp, be a committee to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above meſſage; who, returning, reported the delivery thereof; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, to-morrow, at two of the clock.

Ordered, That the thirteen Reſolutions agreed to this day, and the other proceedings of the Houſe, be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for one month.

Then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

☞ By virtue of an order of the Houſe, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print theſe Votes, and that no other perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

S. W. HAUGHTON, *Speaker.*

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Jovis 15° Die Martii, 1792.

MR. Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and preſented their addreſs, to which his Honour was pleaſed to return an anſwer, of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid, to prevent miſtakes, he had obtained a copy; and the ſame, being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

" *Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

" I RETURN you my thanks for your addreſs, in expreſſing a ſincere and ardent deſire to promote the eaſe, happineſs, and honour of my adminiſtration.

" I have the moſt anxious wiſh to preſerve harmony between all the branches of the Legiſlature, without which it is impoſſible that the buſineſs of the country can be carried on with honour to the crown, and the welfare of the people.

" I ſhall always be ready to communicate with his Majeſty's Council, and Houſe of Aſſembly, in all matters intended for the public good.

" It will afford me great pleaſure if conciliatory meaſures can be adopted between the Council and the Houſe of Aſſembly, to promote which no endeavour of mine ſhall be wanting, and I can aſſure the Houſe it never was my intention to encroach on their privileges, as it is my duty to guard them in their fulleſt extent, as well as the prerogatives of the Crown."

A motion being made, that the Receiver-General do iſſue certificates, (counterſigned by three of the commiſſioners of accounts) bearing an intereſt of ſix pounds per cent. to the amount of £. 10,000 ſterling, in payment of bills to be drawn by the Government of St. Domingo on the Treaſury of France, which bills are to be made payable to our Agent, on the Royal Exchange of London, free of all coſts and loſſes;

And the previous queſtion being propoſed, whether that queſtion ſhall be now put,—

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Then the main queſtion being put,—

The Houſe divided.

The ayes went forth.

Ayes 19 —Mr. Redwood, Mr Rodon, Mr. Blake, Mr Fuller, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thomſon, Mr. Barton, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. White, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Bryan Edwards,

Edwards, Mr. Richards, Mr William Mitchell, Mr. Scott, (of Lenox,) Mr. Whitehorne, Mr Vaughan, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. Fitch.

Noes, 5.—Mr Kemeys, Mr Rennalls, Mr. Fraſer, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Anderſon.

So it was reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Receiver-General do iſſue certificates (counterſigned by three of the Commiſſioners of Accounts) bearing an intereſt of ſix pounds per cent. to the amount of £. 10,000 ſterling, in payment of bills to be drawn by the Government of St. Domingo on the Treaſury of France, which bills are to be made payable to our agent on the Royal Exchange of London, free of all coſts and loſſes; and that he be ſerved with a copy of this order.

Ordered, That the above order, together with the numbers and names taken thereon, be printed in the ſeveral newſpapers of this iſland for two weeks.

The engroſſed bill for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, was read the third time.

Reſolved, *nemine contradicente*, That the ſaid bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr Rodon, Mr. Tharp, Mr Fitch, and Mr. Richards, be a committee to carry the above bill to the Council, and deſire their concurrence thereto, who, returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. William Mitchell, Mr Batty, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Rodon, be a committee during the receſs, to inſpect into, and examine, the ſeveral books and papers in the Speaker's chamber, and that the ſaid committee, or any two of them, be directed, together with the clerk, to examine the ſaid books once every quarter, and that the deputy meſſenger be ordered to bruſh them once every month.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this iſland do cauſe the following laws to be immediately printed by the printer to the Houſe; viz.

An act to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to repeal ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts reſpecting ſlaves, and for the better order and government of ſlaves; and for other purpoſes;" and alſo to repeal the ſeveral acts and clauſes of acts, which were repealed by the act entitled as aforeſaid, and for conſolidating and bringing into one act the ſeveral laws relating to ſlaves, and for giving them further protection and ſecurity; for altering the mode of trial of ſlaves charged with capital offences, and for other purpoſes:—Two copies whereof, to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each member of the Council and Aſſembly, one copy to each Magiſtrate, Clerk of the Peace, and Clerk of the Veſtry, and ſix copies to each ſupervifor of the workhouſes throughout the iſland.

An act to oblige the ſeveral inhabitants of this iſland to provide themſelves with a ſufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain ſums of money in caſe they ſhall be deficient, and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes; to protect

freeholders on the days of chooſing churchwardens and veſtrymen, and to aſcertain who ſhall be deemed duly qualified to vote at ſuch elections:—One copy whereof, to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each member of the Council and Aſſembly, one copy to each Magiſtrate, Clerk of the Peace, and Clerk of the Veſtry, and twelve copies to the Receiver General

An act for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes, ſo ſoon as it ſhall have paſſed all the branches of the Legiſlature:—One copy whereof to be ſent to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and to each member of the Council and Aſſembly, one copy to each Magiſtrate, Clerk of the Peace, and Clerk of the Veſtry, and twelve copies to the Receiver-General.

And that he do cauſe the following laws to be publiſhed in the Royal Gazette, the Gazette of St Jago de la Vega, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for two weeks.

An act to regulate the ſales of newly-imported negroes; and to prevent, as far as poſſible, the ſeparation of different branches of the ſame family.

An act to declare that an act of the Engliſh Parliament, which paſſed in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of William the Third, chapter 41, entitled, "An act for the better preventing the embezzlement of his Majeſty's ſtores of war, and preventing cheats, frauds, and abuſes, in paying ſeamen's wages," is in force in this iſland

A meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Provoſt Marſhal, as follows:

"*MR. SPEAKER,*

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in the King's name, commands the attendance of this honourable Houſe, in the Council Chamber, immediately.

Whereupon, Mr Speaker, and the whole Houſe, went up, when his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the following bill.

An act for raiſing a tax by the poll, and on trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels in the out-ports, and on offices and houſes; and for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the ſame to ſeveral uſes

And then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following ſpeech.

"*GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,*

"*Mr. SPEAKER and GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,*

"HAVING paſſed the bill of ſupply, and underſtanding there is no further matter for deliberation, I have only to recommend to your conſideration, during the receſs, to enforce the Militia Law as far as circumſtances will admit, as the moſt certain ſecurity for your lives and properties. I hereby in his Majeſty's name prorogue this General Aſſembly to Tueſday the ſeventeenth day of April next, and it is prorogued accordingly."

END OF THE FIFTH SESSION.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX.

(No. 1.)

SCHEDULE, A.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM WALKER, Deputy Regiſter of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, and Clerk of the Arraigns, of the ſaid iſland, *Dr.*

1791.

The King againſt Joſeph Vidie, mariner, otherwiſe Joſeph Vignie, for felony and murder on the ſea, and alſo for a piracy and robbery:

Sept. To drawing and engroſſing a commiſſion for the trial of the ſaid Joſeph Vidie - - - - £. 5

To filling up and ſending 36 letters of notice of the day fixed for holding the ſeſſions to the commiſſioners appointed, at 2/6 each 4 10

To drawing and engroſſing a writ of venire facias, for the 21ſt Oct. 3 15

To drawing an indictment againſt the priſoner for felony and murder, and attending the Advocate General to ſettle the ſame 6 5

To drawing an indictment for piracy and robbery, and attending the Advocate General to get ſame ſettled - - 6 5

To trouble in writing ſeveral letters to the magiſtrates in St. Anns, for examinations taken before them reſpecting the piracy, and making out ſubpoena for Thomas Sexton and Solomon Lemon to appear in Kingſton and give evidence, and attending four of the commiſſioners to ſign ſame, and counterſigning and ſealing ſaid ſubpoena with the Admiralty ſeal, and making copies to ſerve on the witneſſes, and drawing and engroſſing affidavits of ſervice - - - - 1 5

Carried over, £. 27

Brought

		£		
	Brought over, -	£	27	
Sept.	Caſh paid poſtage of papers to St. Anns, and in return from thence		6	10½
	To engroſſing the two indictments - - -		5	
	Caſh paid advertiſing the intended ſeſſions for the 21ſt of October, 4 weeks in the Royal Gazette - - -		15	
	To drawing a warrant to the marſhal of the Admiralty, to take the priſoners out of the cuſtody of the provoſt-marſhal's deputy		10	
	Attending ſeſſions on the 21ſt October, when the ſame was opened, and the Court adjourned - - -		5	
	To drawing and engroſſing a commiſſion for the trial of the ſaid Joſeph Vidie and Etienne Corneile - -		5	
	To filling up and ſending out 36 letters of notice to the Commiſſioners therein appointed at 2s. 6d each - -		4	10
	To drawing and engroſſing a writ of venire facias for the 29th of October - - - -		3	15
	To re-drawing the two indictments againſt Vidie, and attending Mr. Advocate-General to ſettle the ſame -		6	5
Oct.	To trouble in making out ſubpœna and copies over again for the witneſſes in St. Ann's, and ſending ſame with affidavit of ſervice - - - -		15	
	Caſh paid poſtage - - - -		3	9
	To re-engroſſing the indictments - - -		5	
	To caſh paid Solomon Lemon, witneſs, from St. Anns, towards his expences of coming over to the ſeſſions on the 21ſt of October, and to detain him in town till the 29th and 31ſt of October, by the advice of Mr. Advocate General -		5	
	To attending ſeſſions on the 29th of October, when bill was ſent in and found againſt Vidie, and he pleaded a miſnomer, and that his name was Noiſeux, whereupon the court was adjourned to the 31ſt of October - - -		5	
	Drawing two indictments againſt Noiſeux, and attending the Advocare General to ſettle the ſame - - - -		6	5
	To engroſſing ſaid indictments, - - -		5	
31.	To attending ſeſſions, adjourned to this day, when Mr Advocate General moved to quaſh indictment againſt Vidie, and ſent in an indictment againſt Noiſeux, who was tried and found guilty of murder, and received ſentence of death -		5	
	To recording the proceedings - - -		7	10
	To caſh paid George Latham, French and Spaniſh interpreter, attending Grand Jury and Court two days, per account		5	10
	To Mr Advocate General's fee on this occaſion, charged in his account, at his deſire - - -		25	
		£	128	5 7½

Jamaica,

Jamaica, ff.

WILLIAM WALKER, the petitioner, being duly ſworn, maketh oath, and ſaith, that the ſeveral matters and things ſtated and ſet forth in the foregoing petition and ſchedule, are true, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM WALKER.

Sworn before me, this 14th day of November, 1791. } JAMES JONES.

(No. 2.)

MEDICINES furniſhed and applied to the ſick priſoners in the Gaol of the Town of Kingſton, with the cuſtomary charges of the ſaid town, by JAMES WALKER, M. D. phyſician thereto.

1791.			
Mar. 2 to *Nov.* 8. Particulars ſpecified on 13 folio pages, amounting to		£. 172	18 9
Caſh paid for pots, phials, lint, boxes, paper, &c.	-	3	
		£. 175	18 9

The number of pattients 112.

WE, whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, practitioners of phyſic and ſurgery, in the town of Kingſton, having fully examined the liſt of medicines herein before written, with the prices and charges reſpectively ſet oppoſite to each of the articles, do declare the ſame to be the uſual and accuſtomed prices or charges to white perſons indiſcriminately, in furniſhing and applying ſuch medicines in the town of Kingſton.

JOHN MACGLASHAN.
HUGH M'KAY.
COLIN MACLARTY.

MEDICINES furniſhed to the ſick priſoners in the gaol of Kingſton, with their coſts only in Jamaica, by JAMES WALKER, M. D. phyſician thereto.

1791.			
Mar. 2 to *Nov.* 8. Particulars ſpecified on 13 folio pages, amounting to		£. 84	18 9
Caſh paid for phials, pots, boxes, lint, paper, &c.	-	3	
		£. 87	18 9

The number of patients 112.

WE, who whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, practitioners of phyſic and ſurgery in the town of Kingſton, having carefully examined the liſt of medicines herein before ſet down, together with the reſpective ſums of money ſet oppoſite to each of the articles in the ſaid liſt, are of opinion that ſuch medicines could not be procured in Jamaica under the reſpective ſums ſet oppoſite to each of the articles of medicine in the ſaid liſt.

JOHN MACGLASHAN.
HUGH M'KAY.
COLIN MACLARTY.

Kingſton, 14th November, 1791.

HAVING peruſed the petition of Dr. James Walker, phyſician to Kingſton gaol, to the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, I do hereby certify, that the ſeveral matters therein ſtated are juſt and true, and that his attention and humanity to the numerous ſick priſoners confined in the ſaid gaol were very extraordinary, and I firmly believe preſerved the lives of ſeveral priſoners.

DUNCAN FRASER, *Deputy Marſhal and Keeper of Kingſton Gaol.*

(No. 3.)

Receiver-General's Office.

MR. WILLIAM BALFOUR,

To. HIS MAJESTY'S REVENUE, for Quit-Rents to 31ſt December, 1788, *Dr.*

1785.				
Nov. 14.	Trelawny, per ſelf, 2 parcels, 300 acres each, 600 acres at ½d, for 3 years, 1 month, and 17 days, from date to 31ſt December, 1788 - - - -	£.	3	18 2
	Ditto, per George Moriſon, 2 parcels, 300 acres each, 600 at ½d for 29 years, from 1ſt Jan 1760, to 31ſt Dec. 1788		36	5
	Ditto, per Reene Bayly, 360 feet, at ½d, 29 years, -		21	15
		£.	61	18 2
	Intereſt, at 12 per cent, from 1ſt Nov. 1787 to 28th June, 1789 -		12	7 7
		£.	74	5 9

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THE above account ſhews the amount as charged on the quit-rent arrearage-roll.

W. F. HARRIS, *pro Rec. Gen.*

GEORGE MORRISON on the Quit-Rent act to 12th March, 1784.

Aug. 27, 1756.	Weſtmoreland, per William Smith	-	300 acres.
Sept. 27, 1755.	Ditto, per Colin Douglaſs	-	300
29, 1732	Ditto, per Hugh Campbell	-	300
27, 1755.	Ditto, per David Fyffe	-	300
Dec. 13, 1740	St Elizabeth, per Richard Mitchell	-	300
Feb. 13, 1740.	Ditto, ditto	-	300
			1800

1800 at ½d, for 24 years, 2 months, and 11 days, from 1ſt. Jan. 1760, to 12th March, 1784 - - - - £. 90 14 10

Receiver-General's Office.

THESE are to certify, that the above account of quit-rents has been paid into this office, on the 12th March, 1784.

W. F. HARRIS, *pro Rec. Gen.*

(No. 4.)

The GOVERNMENT of JAMAICA, for Spaniſh-Town Barracks,

To JOHN WELSH, *Dr.*

1791.				
Jan. 20.	To digging a drain, building and arching ditto, from hoſpital down the ſtreet, and through the race-ground, and emptying in the lane behind Mr. Wallen's, length 1130 feet, at 11/3 per foot - - -	£.	635	12 6
	To 4 iron gratings for ditto drain - - -		5	5
	To 5 hhds. of lime unſlacked, put in the vaults of the neceſſaries		2	10
	To paving with cut ſtones round the mouth of the drain, barrack-yard - - - - -		6	5
	Carried over, -	£.	649	12 6

Brought

	Brought over, -	£. 649	12 6
Jan. 20.	To 437 days of a negro digging the pit in the race-ground, intended to receive the filth; but digging to the depth of 25 feet found only clay, was obliged to fill it and dig the above drain, at 2/6 per day - -	54	12 6
		£. 704	5

Supra, Cr.

Sept. 2.	By an order of the Honourable Board of Commiſſioners of Forts, &c. for £. 450, being the ſum granted by the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly laſt ſeſſions, for digging, building, and arching, the above-mentioned pit -	£. 450	
		£. 254	5

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the above-named John Welſh, who maketh oath, and ſaith, the above account is juſt, and the charges reaſonable.

JOHN WELSH.

Sworn before me this 15th day of November, 1791. } WILLIAM CALDWELL.

THE work charged in this account, has been executed in a workman-like manner, with good materials, and the charges as cuſtomary for ſuch work.

EDWARD WOOLLERY, *S. P. W.*

PROPOSALS to EDWARD WOOLLERY, Eſq. for building a drain from the Barracks in Spaniſh-Town, into the Race-Courſe, and digging a pit there, arched over, under ground, ordered by the Honourable the Board of Commiſſioners of Forts, &c. the 2d of September.

1790.				
Sept. 11.	370 feet length of drain, at 11/3 a foot - -	£. 208	2	6
	Digging the pit 30 feet long, 16 feet wide, and 16 feet deep, containing 284 yards, at 2/6 a yard - -	35	10	
	Building up ſaid pit, maſon work, 1½ feet thick, containing 133 perches, at 20*s.* a perch - - -	133		
	2¾ roods brick work, in the arch of ditto, at 25*l.* a rood -	68	15	
	3 Iron Gratings for the drain - - -	4	12	6
		£. 450		

FINDING all materials, and doing the above work in a workman-like manner, for the above ſum of four hundred and fifty pounds.

JOHN WELSH.

(No.

(No. 5.)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

TO JOHN WELSH, *Dr.*

1790.
July 20. To the hire of two negro men, as watchmen at Fort-Small, from the above date to the 20th of Nov. 1791, is 1 year and 4 months, at £. 30 each, per year - - £. 80

PERSONALLY appeared before me John Welſh, who maketh oath and faith, that the above account is juſt, and the charge reaſonable.

JOHN WELSH, *Lieut. com. Fort-Small.*

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1791. } GEO. CRUICKSHANK.

(No. 6.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

TO GILBERT WAUGH, *Dr.*

1790 & 1791.
To the hire of a wherry and five negroes for the uſe of the troops at the Apoſtles Battery, which ſaid boat and negroes have conſtantly attended, day and night, from the 12th day of Nov. 1790, to the 19th Feb. 1791, is 100 days, both days included, at 15s per day, the uſual allowance for ſuch ſervice - - - - - £. 75

THESE are to certify, that the above account is juſt and true, to the beſt of my knowledge and belief.

TREVOR HULL, *Capt. 62d reg.*

PERSONALLY appeared before me Gilbert Waugh, and maketh oath, that the above is a juſt and true account, to the beſt of his knowledge.

GILBERT WAUGH.

Sworn before me, this day of November, 1791. } JOSEPH THARP.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To GILBERT WAUGH, *Dr.*

1791.
April, To the hire of a wherry and five negroes, for the uſe of two companies of the 19th regiment, quartered at the Apoſtles Battery, which ſaid boat and negroes have conſtantly attended, day and night, from the 3d day of March laſt, to the 9th day of April inſt. is 38 days, both days included, at 15s. per day, the uſual allowance for ſuch ſervice - - - £. 28 10

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, one of his Majeſty's juſtices of the peace for the iſland of Jamaica aforeſaid, and made oath, that the above is a juſt and true charge

JOHN MACGILL, *Major 19th reg. brev. Lt. Col.*

Sworn before me this 9th day of April, 1791. } ROB. WOOD.

PERSONALLY appeared before me Gilbert Waugh, and maketh oath, that the above is a juſt and true account, to the beſt of his knowledge.

GILBERT WAUGH.

Sworn before me, this day of November, 1791. } JOSEPH THARP.

(No. 7.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To DUNCAN FRASER, Deputy-Marſhal, and Keeper of the county gaol, for Surrey, *Dr.*

For Caſh advanced for the maintenance of priſoners, confined for debt, from 21ſt November, 1790, to 20th November, 1791, incluſive.

William Ears, from Nov. 21, 1790, to Jan. 25, 1791, when diſcharged, 66 days, at 1/3 - - - -	£.	4	2 6
John Steele, from ditto to Nov. 20, 1791, 365 days - -		22	16 3
Joſeph S. Pacifico, from ditto to April 27, 1791, when diſcharged, 158 days		9	17 6
Carried forward, -	£.	36	16 3

Brought

	£		
Brought forward, -	36	16	3
Jacob Ramos, from Nov. 21, 1790, to Nov. 20, 1791, 365 days -	22	16	3
Samuel Green, from ditto to ditto, ditto - - -	22	16	3
Thomas Dawſon, from ditto to June 6, 1791, when diſcharged, 198 days	12	7	6
John Harris, from ditto to July 27, 1791, when diſcharged, 249 days	15	11	3
Benjamin Beaves, from ditto to Dec. 2, 1790, when he died, 12 days		15	
John Battayas, from ditto to Nov. 30, 1790, when diſcharged, 10 days		12	6
Raphael Pereira, from ditto to Dec. 30, 1790, ditto, 40 days -	2	10	
Spero Fenn, from ditto to May 3, 1791, ditto, 164 days - -	10	5	
Abraham Salome Pacifico, from ditto to Jan. 26, 1791, ditto, 67 days	4	3	9
William Steele, from ditto to Nov. 20, 1791, 365 days - -	22	16	3
Joſeph Haywood, from ditto to Jan 26, 1791, when diſcharged, 67 days	4	3	9
John Knox, from ditto to ditto, ditto, ditto - - -	4	3	9
David Cortiſos, from ditto to Jan 24, 1791, ditto, 65 days -	4	1	3
Solomon Alfong, from ditto to Feb 9, 1791, ditto, 81 days -	5	1	3
Richard Edwards, from ditto to Nov. 20, 1791, 365 days -	22	16	3
Joſeph de Mercado, from ditto to Jan. 26, 1791, when diſcharged, 67 days	4	3	9
Henry Cotham, from ditto to Feb 26, 1791, ditto, 98 days -	6	2	6
Michael Fitzgerald, from ditto to Feb. 8, 1791, ditto, 80 days -	5		
John Lark, from Nov. 30, 1790, to Nov. 20, 1791, 356 days -	22	5	
Moſes Gomes Silva, from Dec 1, 1790, to March 21, 1791, when diſcharged, 111 days, - - - - -	6	18	9
George Young, from ditto to April 27, 1791, ditto, 148 days -	9	5	
David Salome, from Dec 13 to 16, 1790, ditto, 4 days - -		5	
James Neale, from Dec 23 to 27, 1790, ditto, 5 days - -		6	3
Oſb. William Forſyth, from Dec. 23, 1790 to Jan 30, 1791, ditto, 39 days	2	8	9
Grace Smith, from Jan. 8 to April 27, 1791, ditto, 110 days -	6	17	6
Paul Cazeneuve, from ditto to ditto, ditto, ditto - -	6	17	6
Richard Whitehead, from ditto to ditto, ditto, ditto - -	6	17	6
John Robertſon, from ditto to ditto, ditto, 172 days - -	10	15	
Abraham Iſrael Dolphij, from Jan. 10 to April 25, 1791, ditto, 106 days	6	12	6
Sampſon Gideon, from Jan 18 to 31, 1791, ditto, 14 days -		17	6
James M'Kaill, from ditto to April 27, 1791, ditto, 100 days -	6	5	
John Simmons, from Jan. 27 to ditto, ditto, 91 days - -	5	13	9
Sampſon Samuel, from Feb. 7 to July 27, 1791, ditto, 171 days	10	13	9
Nicholas Flinn, from Feb. 9 to May 13, 1791, ditto, 94 days -	5	17	6
William Adleton, from Feb. 13 to ditto, ditto, 90 days -	5	12	6
Thomas Francis, from Feb. 15 to March 22, 1791, ditto, 36 days -	2	5	
Margaret Demetres, from Feb 22 to Nov. 20, 272 days -	17	7	6
Henry Smith, from ditto to March 18, 1791, when diſcharged, 25 days	1	11	3
Solomon David, from March 8 to June 29, 1791, when he eſcaped, 114 days	7	2	6
Abraham Tavares, from March 18 to April 16, 1791, when diſcharged, 30 days	1	17	6
Carried over, -	£ 351	15	

Brought

Brought over, -	£. 351	15	
Jacob David, from June 2 to Auguſt 5, 1791, when diſcharged, 65 days	4	1	3
Charles May, from July 7 to Nov. 20, 1791, 137 days -	8	11	3
David Bower, from July 8 to Nov. 8, 1791, when diſcharged, 136 days	8	10	
Matier Coudong, from July 22 to Nov. 7, 1791, ditto, 122 days -	7	12	6
Henry Callaſh, from Auguſt 13 to Nov. 20, 1791, 100 days -	6	5	
Jacob da Coſta, from Auguſt 21 to ditto, 92 days - -	5	15	
Thomas Darby, from Auguſt 23 to ditto, 90 days - -	5	12	6
Sarah Allpreſs, from Aug 30 to Nov. 10, 1791, when diſcharged, 73 days	4	11	3
Ann Cunningham, from ditto to Sept. 21, 1791, ditto, 23 days -	1	8	9
Jacob Peſſoa, from ditto to Nov. 10, 1791, ditto, 73 days -	4	11	3
James Weir, from ditto to Nov. 20, 1791, 83 days - -	5	3	9
Thomas Crary, from October 25 to ditto, 27 days - -	1	13	9
William Glann, from Nov. 16 to ditto, 5 days - -		6	3
	£. 415	17	6

Jamaica, ſſ.

DUNCAN FRASER, Deputy-Marſhal and Keeper of the Gaol for the County of Surrey, being duly ſworn, depoſeth and ſaith, that the ſum of £. 415 : 17 : 6, as ſtated in the foregoing account, was advanced by him to priſoners confined for debt in Kingſton Gaol, and that he has not been reimburſed any part thereof.

DUNCAN FRASER, *D. M.*

Sworn before me, this 26th day of November, 1791. } GEO. CRUICKSHANK.

(No. 8.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM DUNLOP, *Dr.*

1790.			
Nov. 14. To caſh paid inland poſtage of a letter to the agent, with the addreſs of the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly to his Majeſty, per the Duke of Cumberland packet - -	£.	5	7½
Dec. 2. To caſh paid poſtage of a letter from the agent to the committee of correſpondence - - -		4	4½
To ditto paid ditto, - - - -		10	
Carried forward, -	£. 1		

Brought

		Brought forward, -	£. 1	
	19.	To ditto paid inland poſtage of a letter to the agent, with the duplicate of the addreſs to his Majeſty, per Halifax packet		5 7½
		To ditto paid ditto, with the petition of Lieut. Perkins, per ditto		1 10½
	22.	To copies of the following acts ſent to three different printers of newſpapers, viz.		
		The act to revive and continue the workhouſe law -	3	
		The act to revive and continue the ſurveyors law -	3	
		The act to revive and continue the poll-tax law -	3	
1701.				
Jan.	5.	To a copy of the rum law, ſent James Smith, Eſq. clerk to the commiſſioners - - -	1	
		To ditto of the commiſſioners law, ſent ditto - -	1	
	13.	To caſh paid poſtage of letters from the agent to the committee of correſpondence - - -		19 4½
Feb	25.	To ditto paid ditto - - -		1 10½
		To recording ſale of negroes, from Smith to the public of Jamaica		5 7½
	28	To caſh paid poſtage of letters from the agent to the committee of correſpondence - - -		1 2 6
Apr.	7.	To ditto paid ditto - - - -		1 7½
May	14.	To ditto paid ditto - - - -		11 3
		To recording the following laws:		
		The rum, the additional duty, the rules and articles of war, the party, the tonnage, the commiſſioners for forts, &c the preventing indebted perſons departing in martial law, the embargo on proviſions, the indemnity, the commiſſioners of accounts, the coaſting veſſels, the declaratory, the continuance of the ſurveyors, continuance of the poll-tax, the workhouſe, the Montego Bay, the deficiency, the poll-tax, the quit-rent, the collection of the public taxes, the horſe-ſtealing, the relief of jurors. the highway, the ſurveyors, the inſolvent debtors, and the court, at 1*l.* -	26	
		To copies of 26 public laws ſent to Great-Britain, under the great ſeal, for his Majeſty's approbation, including marginal notes, paper, wax, and a box - -	30	15
		To the duplicates of ditto - - -	30	15
		To an atteſtation to the Minutes of the Aſſembly ſent to England	1	5
		To a copy of the rum law ſent the printer - -	1	
		To examining and atteſting 496 copies of ditto, at 2/6	62	
		To a copy of the party law ſent the printer -	1	
		To examining and atteſting 472 copies, at 2/6 -	59	
		To a copy of the drogging law ſent the printer -	1	
		To examining and atteſting 472 copies of ditto, at 2/6	59	
		To a copy of the preventing indebted perſons law ſent the printer	1	
		To examining and atteſting 472 copies of ditto, at 2/6	59	
		Carried over, -	£. 348	3 9

		£.		
	Brought over, -	348	3	9
May 14.	To a copy of the deficiency law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 475 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	59	7	6
	To a copy of the poll tax law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 475 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	59	7	6
	To a copy of the highway law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 689 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	86	2	6
	To a copy of the ſurveyors law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 110 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	13	15	
	To a copy of the inſolvent debtors' law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 91 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	11	7	6
	To a copy of the collection of taxes law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 99 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	12	7	6
	To a copy of the quit rent law ſent the printer -	1		
	To examining and atteſting 92 copies of ditto, at 2/6 -	11	10	
		£. 609	1	3

MEMORANDUM.—This 21ſt day of November, 1791, perſonally appeared before me George Elliot Taylor, formerly one of the clerks to William Dunlop, Eſq late ſecretary of this iſland, and made oath on the Holy Evangeliſts, that the foregoing account is juſt and true, and that the ſeveral articles therein contained, are charged at the legal or allowed rates, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR.

Sworn before me, this 21ſt day of November, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

(No. 9.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To JAMES JONES, *Dr.*

		£.		
1791.				
May 26.	To caſh paid poſtage of letters, from the Agent to the Committee of Correſpondence - - - - -	1	2	6
June 1.	To ditto paid ditto - - - - -		5	
18.	To ditto paid ditto - - - -	2	5	
	Carried forward, -	£. 3	12	6

Brought

		£.	s.	d.
	Brought forward, -	£. 3	12	6
July 18.	To ditto paid ditto - - - -	4	9	4½
23.	To ditto paid ditto - - - -		15	7½
25.	To a copy of the act to prevent horſe ſtealing, &c. delivered to Francis Smith, Eſq Clerk of the Crown - -	1		
Aug. 25	To caſh paid poſtage of a letter, from the Agent, to the Committee of Correſpondence - - - -		1	10½
Sept. 25.	To ditto paid poſtage of letters from ditto - - -		17	6
Oct. 7.	To ditto paid poſtage of a letter from ditto - - -		1	10½
29.	To ditto paid for a book for the Commiſſioners of Forts, &c.	2	5	
30	To ditto paid poſtage of letters, from the Agent, to the Committee of Correſpondence - - - -		6	3
Nov. 6.	To ditto paid inland poſtage of two letters to the Agent, with the addreſs, &c. of the Aſſembly, to his Majeſty -		6	10½
	To ditto paid Edward Lewis, book-binder, for ſtitching three pamphlets, at 3ſ. each - - -		11	3
	To tranſcribing accurately, and examining, the deed books, No. 150 and No 152, containing 850 ſides, at 10ſ. each ſide, by order of the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly - -	425		
	To making patent alphabet, in a new mode, by direction of the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, and carefully examining the ſame, 362 ſides, at 7/6 each ſide - -	135	15	
		£. 575	3	1½

MEMORANDUM.—This 29th day of November, 1791, perſonally appeared before me, George Elliot Taylor, one of the Clerks to James Jones, Eſq. Secretary of this iſland, and made oath on the Holy Evangeliſts, that the foregoing account is juſt and true, and that the ſeveral articles therein contained, are charged at legal or allowed rates, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR.

Sworn before me, this 29th day of November, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

(No. 10.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To FITZSIMMONS and JAMESON, *Dr.*

		£.	s.	d.
To the hire of a market-boat and negroes, for the uſe of the royal regiment of artillery, in garriſon of Port-Royal, from the 18th day of November, 1790, to the 16th November, 1791, being 363 days, at 15s. per day, the uſual allowance - - - -		£. 272	5	

I CERTIFY

I CERTIFY that the above account is juſt and true, and that the ſaid boat and negroes have been in conſtant attendance, for the uſe of the royal regiment of artillery, for the above period.

P. MARTIN, *Lt. Col. Royal Artillery.*

Jamaica, ſſ.
Port-Royal.

ARCHIBALD FORREST, Clerk to Fitzſimmons and Jameſon, being duly ſworn, maketh oath and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true, and that no part thereof hath been paid.

ARCHIBALD FORREST.

Sworn before me, this 26th day of November, 1791. ROB. WOOD.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To FITZSIMMONS and JAMESON, *Dr.*

To hire of a boat and negroes, for the uſe of his Majeſty's 62d Regiment, and Officers in Garriſon, at Port-Royal, from 17th Nov. 1790, to the 20th of March, 1791 incluſive, being 124 days, at 15*s.* per day, the uſual allowance - - - - - £ 93

I DO certify, That the above account is juſt and true, and that the ſaid boat and negroes have been in conſtant attendance, for the uſe of his Majeſty's 62d Regiment, and Officers in Garriſon at Port-Royal, for the above period.

C. HORNECK, *Lieut. Col.*

Jamaica, ſſ.
Port Royal

M'MILLAN JAMESON being duly ſworn, maketh oath, and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true, and that no part thereof hath been paid.

M'MILLAN JAMESON.

Sworn before me, this 21ſt day of March, 1791. ROB. WOOD.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To FITZSIMMONS and JAMESON, *Dr.*

To hire of a boat and negroes, for the uſe of his Majeſty's 62d regiment and officers, in garriſon at Port-Royal from 21ſt March to 25th April, 1791, incluſive, being 36 days, at 15s. per day, the uſual allowance £ 27

I DO certify, that the above account is juſt and true, and that the ſaid boat and negroes have been in conſtant attendance, for the uſe of his Majeſty's 62d regiment, and officers in garriſon at Port-Royal, for the above period.

Jamaica

Jamaica, ff
Port-Royal

M'MILLAN JAMESON, being duly ſworn, maketh oath and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true, and that no part thereof hath been paid.

M'MILLAN JAMESON.

Sworn before me this 26th day of April, 1791. ROB. WOOD.

(No. 11.)

BILL of Scantling and eſtimate for repairing the frame of the front and ſouth balcony of the officers quarters at Fort-George.

To two pieces of bullet-tree,	32 feet long,	6 inches by 5	
7 ditto,	11 ditto,	7 inches ſquare	
6 ditto,	12 ditto,	7 inches by 6	
12 ditto,	ditto	6 inches by 5	
In all meaſuring 1000 feet	-	- - -	£. 22 10

WORKMANSHIP.

To taking down 52 feet in length of the frame of the front, and 32 feet in the ſouth balcony, and framing in new plates, beams, and columns, joiſts, &c. laying the floor anew . - -	36
	£ 58 10

I DO ſwear, that I have furniſhed the above bill of ſcantling, and executed the above work in a complete and workmanlike manner, agreeable to the above account:—So help me God.

JAMES DOTT.

Sworn before me this 23d day of December, 1790. J. HARRIS.

THIS is to certify, that I have inſpected the work and materials of the above account and find them to be juſt, to the beſt of my belief and knowledge.

J. HARRIS, *Capt. of Fort George.*

N. B. IT is to be obſerved, that the defects of the frame of the balcony were not obſerved till on raiſing up the floor, when it was found immediately neceſſary, before it could be boarded, to have a new frame, &c. as above ſpecified, and that the original contract could not be completed without this being done.

Jamaica, ff.

I DO ſwear that the above ſtatement of the defects of the frame of the balcony, at Fort George, is juſt and true.——So HELP ME GOD.

JAMES DOTT.

Sworn before me, this 2d day of January, 1791. } ROBT. DONALDSON.

CERTIFIED,

W. M'KERRAS, *Royal Engineer.*

(No. 13.)

The GOVERNMENT of JAMAICA, for KING'S HOUSE,

To ROBERT PITCAIRN, *Dr.*

1789.				
Dec. 20.	To cleaning the three chandeliers in King's Hall -	£.	8	5
	To erecting double rows of benches round the hall, for ball night, and covering them - - -		20	
	To 120 feet ſingle ditto, for ſupper room - -		7	10
	To attendance of eight people, during the night of, and days before and after the ball - - -		6	
28.	To five days labour of two carpenters repairing 11 chairs, with brads and glew, alſo two tables - - -		5	10
1790.				
Jan. 20.	To 29 ſquares of beſt crown glaſs, put in windows where broken, 14 inches by 22, at 20*s.* each - - -		29	
	To 28 yards ſaſh line, to hang ditto, at 1/3 - -		1	15
	To 3 pair hinges and ſcrews to hang ſhutters, at 5*s.* - -			15
	To 2 days labour of three carpenters, repairing ditto, at 5*s.* -		1	10
March	To repairing 3 high-back'd chairs - - -		7	6
	To 62 windows in whole houſe, cleaned, at 5*s.* - -		15	10
	To 14 days labour of 6 people, employed in moving ſtores and furniture, at 5*s.* - - - -		21	
	To an iron-rimmed lock, 14 inches, with braſs handles, put on plate room - - - - -		1	15
	To 3 rings and ſtaples, for horſe ſtable - - -		11	3
	To repairing the manger, with ſundry bottoms - -		1	15
	Carried forward, -	£.	121	3 9

Brought

	Brought forward, -	£. 121	3 9
To the uſe of 160 feet of benches, for public dinners -		5	
To erecting double benches round the King's hall, and covering for ball night - - - - -		20	
To 120 feet benches for ſupper room, and covering - -		7	10
	£.	153	13 9
Deduct -		7	13
	£.	146	0 9

Jamaica, ſſ.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the above named Robert Pitcairn, and made oath, that the work charged in the above account, was done by him, and the charges are reaſonable and cuſtomary.

ROBERT PITCAIRN.

Sworn before me, this 26th day of May, 1791. } WILLIAM RAMSAY.

THE work charged in this account, has been executed agreeably to the cuſtomary charges; the article for removing furniture, amounting to £. 21, I know nothing of.

EDWARD WOOLLERY, *M. B.*

(No. 14.)

The HEIRS of SAMUEL LONG, deceaſed,

To HIS MAJESTY'S REVENUE, for quit-rents to Dec. 31, 1790, *Dr.*

Nov 13, 1681.	Clarendon, per Samuel Long, 138 pt. -		38 acres.
Mar 14, 1663.	Ditto, Edward Doyley - -		34½
Mar 12, 1664.	Ditto, Silver and Williams -		80
Mar. 13,	Ditto, Priſcilla Willoughby -		600
Sept. 27, 1673.	Ditto, Samuel Long, 960 pt. -		600
Jan 27, 1706.	Ditto, Bought of Mary Scott, 70 pt.		40
June 14, 1083.	Ditto, Samuel Long, 1426 pt. -		200
Apr. 18, 1672.	Ditto, Samuel Long - -		300
			1952½

1952½

1952½ at ½d, from 31ſt December, 1768, to 31ſt December, 1771, is 3 years	£.	12	4 1
Intereſt at 12*l.* per cent. from 31ſt December, 1771, to 30th Auguſt, 1791		109	5 6
Nineteen years quit-rents to 31ſt December, 1790 - -		77	5 8
	£.	198	15 3

Feb. 7. 1673.	Clarendon, per Samuel Long, 582 pt. -	446	acres.
Mar. 3. 1679.	Ditto Sir Thomas Watſon to Long	40	
Jan. 6. 1671.	Ditto, Samuel Long, 118 pt. -	88	
Aug. 5. 1674.	Ditto, Robert Stuer - -	120	
		694	

694 from 1ſt January, 1760, to 1ſt January, 1763, is 3 years, -	£.	4	6 9
Intereſt at 12*l* per cent from 1ſt January, 1763, to 30th Auguſt, 1791		78	12 1
Twenty-eight years quit-rents to 31ſt December, 1790 -		40	9 8
Receipt - - - - - - - - -			2 6
	£.	322	6 3

(No. 15.)

JAMES JONES, Eſq. for Bookbinder's Work, done for the Secretary's Office,

To EDWARD LEWIS, *Dr.*

1791.			
July 7. To binding law book, lib 9 - - -	£.	2	5
Aug. 13 To re-binding will book, No. 27 - - -		1	5
22. To re-binding inventory books, No. 38, 40, and 66, adding one quire paper to each, at 25*s.* - - -		3	15
An alphabet, No. 8 - - - - -		17	6
	£.	8	2 6

Jamaica, ſſ.

EDWARD LEWIS, of the pariſh of Saint Catherine, Bookbinder, maketh oath, and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true, and that the ſeveral articles therein ſet forth, are charged at the cuſtomary prices.

EDWARD LEWIS.

(No. 16

(No 16.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To WALTER WELCH, Deputy-Marſhal, and Keeper of the Gaol for the County of Middleſex.

1790. *Feb.*	23. For caſh advanced for the ſupport and maintenance of Mary Williams, a priſoner confined in the ſaid gaol for debt, from the 28th of November, 1790, to this day, as per her receipts, when ſhe was releaſed by the inſolvent act	£.	5	10
Mar.	2. For ditto of James Kirvan, from the 5th December, 1790, to ditto, as per ditto, when ditto - - - -		5 18	9
	For ditto of John Wood, from 12th December, 1790, to ditto, as per ditto, when ditto - - -		5 15	
	12 For ditto of William Sanders Haywood, from February 8, 1791, to ditto. as per ditto, when he was releaſed by order of his creditor - - - -		2 1	3
Apr.	20. For ditto of Thomas Millward, from March 18, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, when ditto - - -		1 15	
June	1. For ditto of Elſey Cole from February 22, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, when ſhe was releaſed by the inſolvent act		6 2	6
	For ditto of Patience Williams, from ditto to ditto, as per ditto, when ditto - - - - -		6 2	6
	2. For ditto of Joſeph Nunes, from May 5, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, when he was releaſed by order of the Chief Judge		1 15	
	For ditto of Richard Martin, from March 14, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, when he was releaſed by the inſolvent act		5 17	
Oct.	28. For ditto of John Kidd, from June 4. 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, when he was diſcharged by habeas corpus -		5 7	6
Nov.	28. For ditto of Thomas William Stephens, from February 11, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, now a priſoner in gaol for debt		18 10	
	For ditto of Samuel Gabay, from May 31, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, now ditto - - - -		11 7	6
	For ditto of Conſtantine M'Ginneſs, from September 16, 1791, to ditto, as per ditto, now ditto - -		4 7	6
	For ditto of James Munro, from ditto to ditto, as per ditto, now ditto - - - - -		4 7	6
	For ditto of Thomas Northy, from ditto to ditto, as per ditto, now ditto - - - - -		4 7	6
	For ditto of John Brevitt, from ditto to ditto, as per ditto, now ditto, - - - -		4 7	6
	Carried over,	£.	93 12	

	Brought over, -	£	93	12
Nov. 28.	For caſh advanced for the ſupport and maintenance of Patrick Killikelly, from the 23d October, 1791, to this day, as per his receipt, now a priſoner in gaol for debt -	2	11	3
July 5.	Cudjoe, found guilty and committed to the workhouſe for life, by their worſhips the juſtices of the court.			
	Gaol allowance for Cudjoe from Jan. 8 to this day, being 179 days, at 7½d - - -	5	11	10½
	Commitment and releaſement - - -		5	
	Toney, found guilty and committed to the workhouſe for life, by their worſhips the juſtices of the court			
	Gaol allowance of Toney from Jan 12 to this day	5	9	4½
	Commitment and releaſement - - -		5	
	James, found guilty, and committed to the workhouſe for life, by their worſhips the juſtices of the court			
	Gaol allowance of James from May 7 to this day -	1	17	6
	Commitment and releaſement - -		5	
	Simon, found guilty, ſentenced to be publicly flogged and three month's labour in the workhouſe, by their worſhips the juſtices of the court			
	Gaol allowance of Simon from the 5th inſt. to this day			7½
	Public flogging - - - - -	1	5	
	Committment and releaſement - -		5	
	Benniba, Monimia, Chriſtmas, and Quaſhie, for an attempt to poiſon Mr and Mrs Curtin, now priſoners in the gaol			
	Gaol fees for the above from Oct. 2 to this day	7	2	6½
	Commitment - - -		2	6
	£.	118	12	8

Jamaica, ff.

WALTER WELCH, deputy-marſhal for the precinct of St. Catherine, &c. and keeper of the gaol of the county of Middleſex, being duly ſworn, maketh oath and faith, that the annexed account is juſt and true, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief, and further this deponent ſaith not.

WALTER WELCH, *D. M.*

Sworn before me this 2nd day of December, 1791. } JN. RODON.

(No. 17.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM FRAZER, *Dr.*

1791.
Jan. 1. To a journey from Spaniſh-Town, to the Government Mountain, being 8 miles, at 1/6 per mile - - - £. 12

Brought

Brought forward, -	£.	12	
To traverſing 1060 chains of river courſe, at 6*d.* per chain -	26	10	
To ditto 2 50 ditto of old lines, at 6*d.* per chain -	51	5	
To ditto 970 ditto of roads, 4*d.* per chain - -	16	3	4
To protracting 4080 chains, at 1*d* per chain - -	17		
To 20 plats and 20 dockets, at 2/6 each - -	5		
To ſlipping, fixing, and reducing the ſame - -	2	10	
To ſearching in the Secretary's office - - -	10		
To ſerving 3 notices, at 2/6 each - - - -		7	6
To meaſuring 338 acres, being the contents of the Government Mountain, at 4*d.* per acre - - -	5	12	8
To a ſcheme of the whole - - -	5		
£.	140	0	6

(No. 18.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To JOHN SIMPSON, Deputy Marſhal of the Vice-Admiralty Court, *Dr.*

1791.

Oct. To apprehending and taking into cuſtody, the body of Joſeph Videi, charged with the murder of Antonio Mudi, on the high ſeas	£.	5	
To apprehending and taking into cuſtody, the body of Akim Cornelli, charged as an accomplice in ſaid matter - -		5	
The King againſt Videi, & al.			
21. To warning a jury, by virtue of his Majeſty's writ of venire facias, for the trial of ſaid Videi - - -		5	
To ſafe conduct bringing the priſoner Cornelli, from the gaol into court, and before the Grand Jury - -		1	5
To caſh paid ſix conſtables attending court, and Grand Jury		3	
To calling and attending court this day, when the ſame was adjourned to the 29th inſtant - - -		5	
27. To carrying a crown evidence from the wharf to the gaol, in order to view and identify the priſoner Videi, by direction of the Advocate General - - -		1	5
29. To warning a jury by virtue of an alias writ for that purpoſe, to me directed - - - -		5	
Carried over, =	£.	30	10

Brought

	Brought over, -	£. 30	10
	To ſafe conduct bringing the two priſoners Videi and Cornelli, from the gaol into court - - - -	2	10
	To caſh paid ten conſtables attending court and Grand Jury	5	
	To calling and attending court, when a bill was found againſt the priſoner Videi, but upon his pleading a miſnomer, the ſame was quaſhed, and another preferred againſt him by the name of Noiſeaux, and the court adjourned to the 31ſt inſtant -	5	
31.	To ſafe conduct bringing the priſoners Noiſeaux and Cornelli, from the gaol into court - - -	2	10
	To caſh paid ſix conſtables attending court and Grand Jury -	3	
	To calling and attending court, when an indictment was found againſt the priſoner Noiſeaux, whereupon he was arraigned, tried, and found guilty of the murder aforeſaid, and ſentence of death paſſed againſt him - - -	5	
Nov. 29.	To executing the ſaid ſentence this day, at the Paliſadoes, in the pariſh of Port-Royal, by virtue of the warrant to me, for that purpoſe, directed under the hand and ſeal of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor - - -	5	
	To my fee for the ſilver oar, upon this occaſion - -	5	
	To caſh paid ten conſtables, attending from the gaol of Kingſton, to the place of the ſaid execution, and keeping the peace during the ſame - - - -	5	
	To caſh paid William Bryan, and for hire of two wherries engaged for that day - - - -	1	15
	To caſh paid James Cornwallis, for erecting a gallows, £. 5, and for a coffin, £ 2, and burying the body, 6/8 - -	7	6 8
	To caſh paid ſundry negroes on this occaſion - -		15
		£. 78	6 8

Jamaica, ff.

JOHN SIMPSON, the petitioner, in his petition named, being duly ſworn, maketh oath, and ſaith, that the ſeveral matters and things, expreſſed and ſet forth in the ſaid petition, are true, to the beſt of this deponent's knowledge and belief, and that the items and charges in the annexed account, are uſual and cuſtomary.

JOHN SIMPSON.

Sworn before me, this 8th day of December, 1791. } WILLIAM WALKER.

(No. 19.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To ALEXANDER AIKMAN, *Dr.*

1790. *Nov.* 29.	For printing 40 notices to the cuſtodes, with the Governor's meſſage, the Admiral's letter, &c. one on a ſheet of thick 4to poſt	£. 2	10

Brought

	Brought forward, -	£.	2	10
1790.				
Dec. 7.	To one medium minute book, containing 4 quires paper, bound in rough calf, and titled - - - -	£.	3	
1791.				
Jan. 22.	To publiſhing order of the Houſe for printing laws in the papers, one month - - - - -			15
	To ditto act to continue an "Act for eſtabliſhing workhouſes," one month - - - - -		1	
	To ditto ditto "Act for regulating proceedings of ſurveyors," 1 do.		1	
	To ditto ditto the Poll Tax law, one month - -		1	
31.	To printing 550 copies of the Rum law, 6 ſheets, at £. 3 a ſheet		99	
	To ditto 525 ditto of the Drogging Act, 4 ſheets, at ditto		63	
	To ditto 525 ditto of the Party law, 3½ ſheets, at ditto -		55	2 6
	To ditto 525 ditto of the Act to prevent indebted perſons departing in Martial law, 3 ſheets - - -		47	5
Feb. 17.	To binding in calf, report of the Privy Council on the Slave Trade, folio, lettered - - - - -		1	10
	To half binding three volumes of evidence on the Slave Trade, folio, lettered, at 10*s.* - - - -		1	10
19.	To advertiſing a meeting of the Commiſſioners of Forts, &c. the 23d inſtant, one week - - - -			5
	To lettering 4 volumes "Houſe of Aſſembly," - -			10
Mar. 31.	To printing 525 copies of the Deficiency law, 7½ ſheets, £. 3 a ſheet		118	2 6
	To ditto 525 ditto of the Poll Tax law, 8 ſheets, at ditto		126	
	To ditto 750 ditto of the Highway law, 5 ſheets, at ditto -		112	10
	To ditto 150 ditto of the Surveyor's law, 4 ſheets, at ditto		18	
	To ditto 130 ditto of the Inſolvent law, 2 ſheets, at ditto -		7	16
	To ditto 120 ditto of the Collection of taxes, 3 ſheets, ditto		10	16
	To ditto 120 ditto of the Quit-Rent law, 2 ſheets, at ditto		7	4
Apr. 2	To advertiſing Reſolution of the Houſe of Aſſembly, March 4th, one month - - - - -		1	
May 28.	To ditto a quarterly meeting of the Commiſſioners for Forts, &c. one week - - - - - -			5
June 18.	To half binding 100 copies of the Votes of Aſſembly, for ſeſſions 1790 and 1791, at 7/6 - - - - -		37	10
July 23.	Advertiſing repairs wanted at the Government Mountain and Pen, ſeven weeks - - - -		2	10
30.	To do a meeting of the Commiſſioners for Forts, &c. Aug. 3, 1 week			5
Sept. 24	To publiſhing the African trade bill, very long - -		8	13 4
Nov. 19	To ditto reſolution not to grant any money for roads, 2 weeks			15
26	To ditto reſolution not to receive any buſineſs of a private nature, after the 1ſt of December, one month - -			15
	To ditto reſolution in conſequence of a complaint made to the Houſe of Aſſembly, November 17, two weeks -		1	
	Carried over, -	£.	730	9 4

	Brought over, -	£. 730	9 4
Dec. 3.	To ditto not to receive any buſineſs of a private nature, after the 9th of December, two weeks - - -		10
		£. 730	19 4

Jamaica, ſſ

ALEXANDER AIKMAN being duly ſworn, maketh oath, that the above account is juſt and true, and that no part thereof is paid, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

A. AIKMAN.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of December, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

RECEIVER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

TO ALEXANDER AIKMAN, *Dr.*

1790			
Dec. 22.	For printing two quires (288) receipts for poor tax, 6 on a ſheet of foolſcap, at 15s per quire - - -	1	10
1791.			
Jan. 5.	Ditto two quires manifeſts of Guinea veſſels -	1	10
	Ditto 500 fort paſſes, 4 on a ſheet folio poſt -	7	10
April 15.	Ditto ditto, ditto - - -	7	10
June 18.	Advertiſing quit-rent act (long) 3 months - -	9	
July 27.	Printing 500 fort paſſes, 4 on a ſheet folio poſt - -	7	10
Oct. 8.	Advertiſing notice to perſons holding prize lottery-tickets and public certificates, 5 weeks - - -	18	9
27.	Printing 10 quires manifeſts, on medium paper, at 25s. -	12	10
Dec. 6.	Ditto 500 fort-paſſes, 4 on a ſheet folio poſt, - -	7	10
	Advertiſing ſale of a negro man ſlave named Quaco, agreeably to a late law of this iſland, 1 month - -	15	
		£. 56	3 9

Jamaica, ſſ.

ALEXANDER AIKMAN, being duly ſworn, maketh oath and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true, and that no part thereof is paid, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief

A. AIKMAN.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of December, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

(No. 20.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

TO STRUPAR, BENNETT, and DODDINGTON, *Dr.*

1790.			
Dec. 1.	For advertiſing that the Houſe of Aſſembly will not receive any buſineſs of a private nature after Dec. 1, 24 inſertions	£. 4	10

Brought

	Brought forward, -	£.	4	10
Dec. 24.	For advertiſing the ayes and noes reſpecting Mr Kemeys, 24 inſertions - - - -		12	
	Ditto Admiral Affleck's letter to his Excellency, with an extract of the Governor of St. Jago de Cuba's letter to the Admiral, 24 ditto - - - -		9	
1791. *Jan.* 28.	Ditto an act to revive and continue the workhouſe law, 24 ditto		6	
	Ditto an act to revive and continue the ſurveyors law, 24 ditto		4	10
	Ditto an act to revive and continue for 2 months longer ſo much of the poll tax law as relates to trades, ſupercargoes, and maſters of veſſels, 24 ditto - - -		4	10
Nov 26.	Ditto that the Houſe of Aſſembly will not receive any buſineſs of a private nature after the 1ſt December, 18 ditto		3	7 6
29	Ditto the ayes and noes reſpecting granting money for roads, 12 do.		2	5
Dec. 3	Ditto the reſolution of the Houſe of Aſſembly reſpecting the Kingſton militia, 12 ditto - -		3	
	Ditto that the Houſe of Aſſembly will not receive any buſineſs of a private nature after the 10th December, 12 ditto		2	5
		£.	51	7 6

Jamaica, ſſ.

THE above account is juſt and true, to the beſt of my knowledge and belief:—So help me God.

JOHN T. W. BENNETT.

Sworn before me this 5th day of December, 1791. } A. WARREN.

(No. 21.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To DAVID DICKSON, *Dr.*

1790. *Dec.* 23.	Advertiſing reſolution of the Houſe, returning thanks to Admiral Affleck, two weeks - - - - -	£.	1	
	Ditto minutes of the Houſe, in the caſe of J. G Kemeys, 2 weeks		1	10
30.	Ditto that Commiſſioners of Public Accounts will receive tenders for victualling his Majeſty's troops on 31ſt Jan. next, 2 weeks		12	6
	Ditto the Ferry toll to be rented, 13 weeks - -		2	8 9
	Carried over, -	£.	5	11 3

Brought

		£	s	d
	Brought over, -	£ 5	11	3
	Ditto meeting of Commiſſioners for making a new road from Spaniſh Town to Kingſton, to be 10th January next, 2 weeks		10	
	Ditto ſeveral laws (long,) one week - - -		17	6
1791.				
Jan. 6.	Ditto meeting Commiſſioners for making a new road, one week -		5	
	Ditto Ferry toll to be rented, one week - -		3	9
13.	Ditto meeting Commiſſioners Public Accounts, 17th inſt 2 weeks		10	
	Ditto ſundry laws (long,) three weeks - - -	2	12	6
27.	Ditto Commiſſioners of Public Accounts will receive tenders for victualling his Majeſty's troops, on the 31ſt inſtant, 4 weeks	1	5	
Feb. 3.	Ditto quarterly meeting Commiſſioners Public Accounts, 7th inſt		5	
	Ditto directions from ditto of new road, to Mr Woollery, 4 weeks		15	
10.	Ditto meeting of Commiſſioners Public Accounts, 14th inſtant -		5	
17.	Ditto quarterly meeting Commiſſioners of Forts &c 23d inſtant		5	
	Ditto meeting of Commiſſioners for new road, 19th inſt. 5 weeks		18	9
Mar. 31.	Ditto reſolutions for giving compliment to the Speaker, 4 weeks	1		
Apr. 15.	Ditto notice of Commiſſioners receiving propoſals for collecting Rum duties, twelve weeks - - -	2	5	
May 6.	Ditto meeting of Commiſſioners of Public Accounts, 9th inſtant		5	
27	Ditto meeting of Commiſſioners of Forts, the 1ſt June - -		5	
	Ditto Inſpectors of Rum duties, four weeks - -	1		
July 12.	Printing maſons eſtimates, for work to be done at King's Houſe, Public Buildings, &c. on two ſheets foolſcap -		10	
	Ditto 50 carpenters eſtimates, for work to be done at ditto ditto, on two ſheets foolſcap - - -		10	
29.	Advertiſing for perſons willing to undertake the above work, to give in the 30th, eight weeks - - -	2	10	
	Ditto meeting of Commiſſioners of Forts, 2d of Auguſt -		5	
Aug. 12.	Ditto meeting of ditto ditto, the 10th ditto -		5	
Sept. 16	Ditto meeting of ditto of Public Accounts, the 21ſt - -		5	
Oct. 17.	Ditto meeting of ditto ditto, the 17th, 2 weeks -		10	
21	Ditto perſons to apply for payment of all lottery tickets, 4 weeks		15	
Nov 18	Ditto diviſion and names for motion on road money, 2 weeks		12	6
24	Ditto that no buſineſs of a private nature will be received after the 1ſt of December, four weeks - - -		15	
29	Ditto that no buſineſs ditto ditto, after 9th Dec. 2 weeks		10	
		£ 45	6	3

Jamaica, ſſ.

THE above account is juſt and true to the beſt of my knowledge and belief.

D. DICKSON.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of December, 1791. } HENRY RENNALLS.

(No.

(No. 22.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA,

To DAVID FINLAYSON, D. M. *Dr.*

1790.				
Dec. 29.	To 79 days maintenance of Sarah White,	£.	2 10	7½
1791.				
Jan. 11.	94 ditto of Richard J. Stanhope		2 18	9
	66 ditto of John Cowill, junior		2 1	3
April 12.	12 ditto of Obadiah Pinkney, a debtor		15	
	21 ditto of Edward Blatch, a ſailor		13	1½
	76 ditto of William Knowles, ditto		2 7	6
	138 ditto of Alexander Boag, ditto		4 6	3
	42 ditto of Robert Gilleſpie, ditto		1 6	3
	43 ditto of John Lacey, ditto		1 6	10½
	amount paid John Jones, (King's evidence) per receipt		6 15	
	caſh paid John Meaker, per receipt, for carrying 3 priſoners from B. River to Spaniſh Town		12	
	84 days maintenance of the ſame, at 1/3 each,		15 15	
	caſh paid for conveying 4 ſailors from B. River to Savanna-la-Mar gaol		4 6	8
	mile-money for Edward Blatch from B. River		1 15	
	81 days maintenance of George Thompſon		2 10	7½
	2 ditto of John Kevan,		1	3
	mile-money of Thompſon and Kevan, and horſe-hire, from Lucea to the county-gaol		6 16	8
	mile-money for Thompſon to Lucea,		1 3	
	36 days maintenance of Charles Taylor		1 2	6
	32 ditto of Necque, a free negro		1	
		£.	71 11	4

DAVID FINLAYSON maketh oath, and ſaith, that the above account is juſt and true, to the beſt of his knowledge and belief.

D. FINLAYSON.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of December, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

(No. 23.)

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA, for maintenance of the undermentioned debtors, priſoners in the Gaol of Montego-Bay,

To THOMAS ALVES, D. M. *Dr.*

			£		
1791. *Jan.*	2	For maintenance of Elizabeth Middleton, from Nov. 28 to this date, is 35 days, at 1/3 per day - -	2	3	9
Mar.	24.	Ditto of Gurden Eldridge, from Feb. 24 to ditto, is 32 days	2		
April	4.	Ditto of William Fitzgerald, from Nov. 29 to ditto, is 127 days	7	18	9
June	19.	Ditto of James B. Salmon, from April 10 to ditto, is 71 days	4	8	9
July	7.	Ditto of Robert Denies, from June 23 to ditto, is 15 days		18	9
Dec.	4.	Ditto of Samuel Whitehead, from April 3 to ditto, is 246 days	15	6	3
			£ 32	16	3

Jamaica, ſſ.

THOMAS ALVES, deputy-marſhal for the pariſh of St James, being duly ſworn, depoſeth and ſaith, that the ſeveral perſons above named were actually in cuſtody, during the times above ſpecified, and that the ſums charged were paid to each by this deponent, and are, to the beſt of his knowledge, agreeable to law.

THOMAS ALVES.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of December, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

The PUBLIC of JAMAICA, for maintenance of the undermentioned debtors, priſoners in the Gaol of Martha-Brae,

To THOMAS ALVES, D. M. *Dr.*

			£		
1789. *Sept.*	24.	For maintenance of John Chambers, from June 29 laſt to this day, is 88 days, at 1/3 - -	£ 5	10	
1791. *Mar.*	28.	Ditto of William Perry, from Jan. 27 to ditto, is 61 days	3	16	3
June	26.	Ditto of Sarah Littlewood, from March 28 to ditto, is 91 days	5	13	9
	19.	Ditto of Willam Hopkins, from May 30 to ditto, is 21 days	1	6	3
Nov.	13.	Ditto of William Coulter, from Auguſt 5 to ditto, is 101 days	6	6	3
			£. 22	12	6

Jamaica, ſſ.

THOMAS ALVES, deputy-marſhal for Trelawny, being duly ſworn, depoſeth and ſaith, that the above-named perſons were actually in cuſtody, and the ſums charged, paid to

to each by this deponent, and that the ſaid charges are, as this deponent believes, agreeable to law.

THOMAS ALVES.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of December, 1791. } WILLIAM MITCHELL.

(No. 24.)

The COMMISSIONERS for PRINTING the LAWS in account with A. AIKMAN.

Dr.

To expences of printing the laws from the beginning to December 30, 1790	£. 1200
To continuing the laws from December 31, 1790, to the end of the ſeſſion, March 5, 1791	300
To caſh paid James Jones, Eſq. for an aſſignment of his copy-right	500
To ditto paid the expences of Mr Sherlock and ſon, in comparing and correcting the printed laws with the records, inſtead of office-copies	130
To ditto paid them, as a gratuity for their trouble, by order of the commiſſioners	100
To expence of compiling and tranſcribing an index and abridgment to the laws, calculated at	150
	£. 2380

Cr.

By caſh received in two orders of the commiſſioners	£. 1200
By balance	1180
	£. 2380

ERRORS excepted, this 6th March, 1792.

A. AIKMAN.

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